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Town council says 'yes' to windfarm

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TOWN councillors have backed controversial plans for six giant turbines on the edge of the county town.

The 6-3 vote in favour surprised even those who support the scheme.

Both pro and anti groups have each collected over 1,000 signatures for their views in recent weeks.

A final decision will be made by West Dorset's district planning committee later in the year.

Town councillors claimed their vote would send a clear message that the town was thinking about the future and backed renewable energy for the sake of generations to come. Opponents say it will industrialise and ruin a precious landscape with links to Thomas Hardy.

One of the biggest shocks of the evening was the route that large lorries carrying turbine blades will have to take to get to the construction site, off Slyer's Lane.

Coming from the east they would have to travel the entire length of the bypass, along the Weirs, up The Grove, left into High West and High East Streets and then down London Road before turning left up the Piddle Valley Road.

To make matters worse legislation means that the convoys would have to travel in daylight hours.

"It will cause havoc," said Cllr Viv Allan who went on to vote against the windfarm.

After the vote in favour, Cllr Molly Rennie called for talks to try and change the delivery route. One member of the public who came to listen to the debate suggested they could be delivered by airship.

The windfarm will comprise of six turbines, each 115 metres tall, the height of St Paul's Cathedral. The council was told they could clearly be seen from the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty around the county town and from places like Poundbury Hillfort, and by properties along the northern edge of the town and Poundbury.

Ian Gosling, from the No Slyer's Lane group told councillors the turbines would be "a large, adverse, visual intrusion to a landscape which is prized locally, nationally and internationally."

He said they would clearly be seen from large parts of the town with its high number of Grade 1 listed buildings and from one of Europe's most important hillforts, Maiden Castle, as well as affecting popular footpaths and a bridleway.

But Irene Statham from the pro-wind group said the visual impact was being over-played and many who signed their petition said they liked the look of turbines, some even finding their movement relaxing.

She said that without them the county would not meet its renewable energy targets.

Another pro-wind advocate, Jeanie Averill, said that to focus the debate on what the turbines looked like was 'missing the point'.

"We have to look at the function and purpose of what these turbines offer."

And many town councillors accepted that argument. Tim Harries said that if people had taken the same attitude in the past we would not have built canals or a rail network.

"We all know fossil fuels are running out. If you want to rely in the future on the French or President Putin for your energy then go ahead but I would rather go ahead with this scheme."

Cllr Andy Canning, who proposed supporting the scheme, said it was wrong to treat the countryside as if we were living in a pre-industrial world.

"You can't really say they are overbearing on the landscape because they are not, they are thin and narrow and not that visually intrusive."

Cllr Viv Allan said turbines were a good idea in the right place but argued that just outside the county town was not the right place. She argued a better site would have been at Rampisham, the former World Service transmitter site.

Cllr David Roberts described them as a 'blot on the landscape' and not efficient. He said when the wind was not blowing they produced nothing at all and when there was too much wind they had to be switched off.

Cllr Fiona Kent-Ledger said the council was taking a brave decision.

"This will safeguard future generations and will send a message to younger people that we have tried to do something."

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Greens push for public railway ownership

■ GREEN campaigners called on commuters to back calls to bring the railways back into public ownership. From left Len Herbert, parliamentary candidate for West Dorset Peter Barton and Hilary Woodall.

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KEV "Ballonatic" Hart was born in Bournemouth and grew up in South London, running an entertainment agency before coming to Weymouth where he is now famous as a balloon-making entertainer.

● WHY do you live in Weymouth?
Because it is probably one of the most awesome places I have ever been to. I have a great affection for Weymouth because when I was 17 I was a Blue Coat at Pontins at Osmington Bay.

● WHERE do you go for your holidays?
It is too nice in Weymouth to go anywhere else so I am really on holiday all the time.

What is your favourite time of the year?
Summer because I do like the sunshine and the festivals. It is the busiest time of the year for me.

● WHAT is your favourite film?
The Shawshank Redemption because Morgan Freeman is one of my favourite actors. He was amazing in the film.

● WHAT is the scariest thing that has ever happened to you?
I do stiltwalking and I fell off them and landed on cobbles. That was scary because I was off work for eight weeks and it took a lot of nerve to go back up 12feet and do stiltwalking again.

● IF you could live your life again what would you be?
I would be a musician because I have always wished that I had some musical talent. I would love to play the drums.

● WHICH three people would you invite to your dream dinner party?
Edward Lear because of the amazing imagination he had creating all those limericks, Alice Cooper because he is one of the greatest showmen and rock stars and because I was in the film Dark Shadows with him. My third dinner guest would be Harry Houdini because he was the first man ever to make magic and escapology famous. He's the name that everyone remembers.

● WHAT would you do if you won the Lottery?
I don't think that it would change me much. I would use the money to help people who are a bit less fortunate than me.

● WHAT do you hope the future holds?
I hope that I can continue to spreads smiles one balloon at a time.

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Green party campaigns for public railway ownership

GREEN Party activists lobbied Dorset commuters on Monday to persuade them to support plans to bring the railways back into public ownership.

Leaflets were handed out at Dorchester, Moreton, Upwey and Weymouth stations backing the Action for Rail campaign.

Peter Barton, Green Party parliamentary candidate for West Dorset, said he and fellow campaigners had received a generally positive reaction from the most travellers.

"We want to make rail travel more affordable, not less. Since the coalition government came to power rail prices have increased by more than 20 per cent. Only a handful of commuters were not interested in our message and many support the idea."

The protest came as South West Trains, and other operators, brought in an above-inflation increase in fares (2.3%) and also announced a series of engineering works which will cause disruption to travellers on the Weymouth to Waterloo line between now and April.

Engineering works will also affect the Weymouth to Bristol line.

Green Party parliamentary candidate for South Dorset, Jane Burnet ,suggests that travellers whose trips are hit by engineering work should have reduced fares as a means of compensation.

The Greens say they would also like a faster train to London. The quickest is just under two hours and 50 minutes, slower than some services 50 years ago.

South West Green MEP Molly Scott Cato has called for the government minister responsible for railways, Clare Perry, to take responsibility for overrunning engineering works and signalling difficulties over the Christmas break.

■ PETER Barton, Green party candidate for West Dorset

Dr Scott Cato said: "It is time the railways minister and secretary of state for transport took responsibility for our railways.

"We desperately need accountability rather than the feeble asking for answers approach when things go wrong.

"It's clear that our incoherent railway structure seeks to serve the shareholder rather than the passenger, so no-one is taking proper responsibility.

"Accountability will only occur when we get serious about taking back our railways into public ownership.

"We now have one of the most expensive rail systems in Europe."

Currently, weekend travellers on the Weymouth to Waterloo line will face engineering works every weekend between now and mid-February.

The line between Poole and Weymouth will also be closed this Sunday, January 11 and buses laid on, while the line between Southampton and Bournemouth will be closed over the weekend of February 7-8.

This Friday will see the second reading of Green MP Caroline Lucas's Railways Bill. It calls for Britain's rail franchises to be brought back into public ownership as they either fail or their contracts expire.

The Rebuilding Rail report, published by Transport for Quality of Life, conservatively estimates that around £1.2bn is lost each year as a result of railway fragmentation and privatisation.

"This is a huge amount of money which could, and should, be reinvested to improve our services and reduce fares," said Ms Lucas.

According to a YouGov poll, two-thirds of people believe railway companies should be run in the public sector, with less than a quarter opting for privatisation.

JP and charity founder among Queen's honours

WEST Dorset magistrate Colin Weston, of Winfrith Newburgh, has been made an MBE in the Queen's New Year's Honours List.

A previous member of the Dorset Police Authority he has been a magistrate since 1991 serving on both the youth panel and in the adult court where he is also deputy chairman of the West Dorset Bench.

Other Dorset awards went to Margaret Hannibal, the founder of the MOSAIC charity which helps bereaved children. She receives and MBE.

A BEM has been awarded to Isabel de Pelet, founder of Guggleton Farm Arts Project, in Stalbridge, for her services to artists in Dorset.

The MBE has also been awarded to a captain who has spent nearly thirty years with the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. Capt Hugh Fogarty joined the charity in 1984 as a junior lifeboat inspector after a career in the merchant navy and is now head of operations (operational support).

■ COLIN Weston, MBE

Gas pipe repairs to cause traffic chaos

TRAFFIC chaos is expected in Dorchester from next week as half a mile of gas pipes are replaced in Weymouth Avenue.

The work, due to start on Monday, could take three months to complete and will be carried out in nine phases.

Southern Gas say the mains replacement works is part of a £450,000 project to ensure a safe and reliable gas supply to the area.

Temporary traffic restrictions will be in place throughout the project and signs went up this week warning motorists of disruption and the need to find alternative routes.

A spokesman for Southern Gas Networks said: "Parking may be restricted for short periods, but we will endeavour to make sure access is maintained wherever possible..

"We will be replacing the existing metal pipes with polyethylene pipe, which has a minimum lifespan of 80 years.

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A&E and 999 only for life threatening conditions

HIGH demand for medical services over the festive season has led NHS Dorset to urge people only to call 999 or accident and emergency departments for the most serious health emergencies.

Chairman of the NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group, Dr Forbes Watson said: "If it's not an emergency please consider contacting services such as 111 or your GP.

"Only when it is a genuine life-threatening emergency should you call 999."

The NHS says non-emergency routes which should be considered first include self-care for minor cuts, grazes, colds and hangovers; the non-emergency medical advice line 111; a local pharmacy for headaches, coughs and colds and upset stomachs; the GP for chronic backache, persistent pain, painful coughs and earache.

Other routes to treatment include a local Minor Injury Unit (MIU) for sprains, simple fractures, lacerations, minor head injuries and advice.

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Council leader to stand down

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WEST Dorset District Council leader Robert Gould will formally resign from his post this week, it has been confirmed.

Cllr Gould, who also took over the leadership of the county council recently, said he would be stepping down to concentrate on his new role.

He is set to be replaced as leader by Cllr Anthony Alford, representative for the Allington and Netherbury ward, who is expected formally to take up the position tomorrow (Thursday 8th).

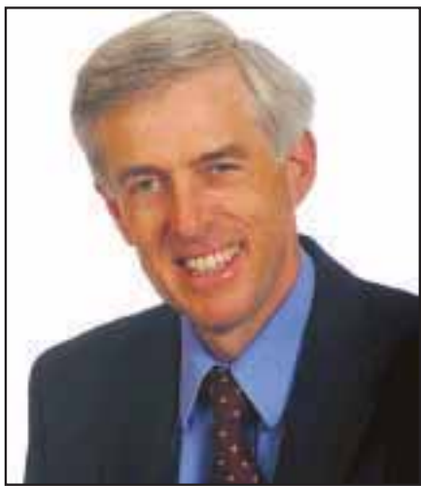
Cllr Gould, who spent more than a decade at the helm of the district council, had also been standing in as leader of the county authority following the resignation of former leader Spencer Flower, who is facing a court trial for failing to declare personal interests in planning matters.

And the Conservative member was elected on a permanent basis early in December, after defending the council's handling of the accusations against Cllr Flower.

In a statement, Cllr Gould said it had been a "great privilege" to lead the authority in delivering a series of "flagship" projects, but that he must now focus his attention on the county council leadership.

"I have recently been elected leader of Dorset County Council. I have decided therefore that I must step down as West Dorset District Council leader so that I can give my full energy to this new role", he said.

"I have immensely enjoyed my 10-and-a-half years as leader and it has been a great privilege to lead the authority through a period of unprecedented change.


■ OUTGOING leader, Cllr Robert Gould

"I am very grateful for the support that I have received from members and officers during this time."

Cllr Gould said he was proud to have ensured the council's finances were well managed and that council tax had been kept low during his tenure.

He also remarked on the key move to cut costs by working more closely with partner councils in Weymouth & Portland, and North Dorset.

"Together we have achieved so much for the residents of west Dorset but, most importantly, we have ensured sound financial management and kept our share of the council tax low.

"This has enabled us to avoid the large cuts to services other district councils have been forced to make, maintain support for our voluntary organisation and deliver large flagship projects, such as the new Dorchester sports centre and Lyme Regis coastal defence works.

"Our move to more efficient offices has unlocked the potential for partnership working, first with Weymouth & Portland, and now North Dorset. This ground-breaking work has been recognised nationally by the award of over £2million to implement the three-council partnership."

Cllr Anthony Alford was elected by the Conservative group as its new leader last week and is expected to be voted through as Cllr Gould's successor at a meeting tomorrow.

Cllr Gould added: "I trust that on Thursday, Cllr Alford will be elected as the new leader of the council and I am confident that he will be outstanding in this role."

■ CLLR Anthony Alford

Death Notice

MONICA ELIZABETH HALLETT

Sadly passed away at Dorset County Hospital on the 29th December 2014, aged 98 years. Wonderful mother of Robin and the late Angela and a much loved nanamon and great nan. Funeral Service to be held at Weymouth Crematorium on Thursday 15th January 2015 at 11.30am. Please dress as you wish. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, for Cancer Research UK may be given at the Service, online at funeraldirectors.uk.com or send c/o W. G. Potter Funeral Directors, William Potter House, 5 West Street, Axminster, EX13 5NX.

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X31 cuts left Martinstown with just one bus a week

By Lottie Welch
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CAMPAIGNERS and bus users have criticised bus operator First after cuts to bus services left a west Dorset village with one bus a week.

Cuts to the X31 bus service, which runs between Axminster and Dorchester, left Martinstown with only one bus on Saturdays over the Christmas period.

The service through Martinstown was cut from an hourly service to two buses a day last year but an agreement was reached in the summer by campaigners and First to keep an early morning and late afternoon service linking students to colleges and schools.

But residents of the village wanting to catch the bus in the middle of the day are still having to walk to the A35 to catch the bus.

The revised timetable, which was run for the two weeks over Christmas and New Year, will be part of a reduced service that First will run in school holidays.

■ BUS cuts meant that Rebecca Hilton has to walk for 20 minutes along roads without pavements to visit her mother in her care home

Rebecca Hilton, a Bridport resident unable to visit her mother over Christmas as as result of the cuts, said: "I visit my mum in the nursing home at Winterbourne Steepleton and now have to walk for 20 minutes, wheeling my grandson in the pram down a dangerous road with blind bends and no pavement in order to get there."

A spokesperson for First said: "The service through Martinstown will be reviewed for next Christmas and changes to the service over the two week period are the result of timetable changes back in May.

"Our service levels in Dorset over Christmas have been very similar for many years.

"On most days during Christmas and New Year week, we provide a Saturday service. However, the difference this time was as a result of the changes to our timetables in May 2014.

"As part of these changes, the X31 only served Martinstown, Monday to Friday.

"We did provide Boxing Day services for the first time in many years and again, if there is a demand for such services in the future, we will consider increasing our service provision."

Members of the Bus Action Group for west Dorset are calling on First to increase lost services in villages.

Andy Pennington, of West Dorset's Bus Action Group, said: "This is just the wrong time of year to cut services and it is the most vulnerable, elderly people without their own transport, that are suffering."

CRIME ROUND-UP

Football club bar brawl

A BOXING Day fight in the club bar at Dorchester Town Football Club resulted in a man in his late twenties being treated in hospital.

The incident happened after the derby between Dorchester and Weymouth and was said to involve up to ten people. Police have appealed for witnesses to come forward.

Dorchester FC said that an internal investigation, as well as a police investigation, has started.

"We appeal to anyone who witnessed any instances of violent or abusive behaviour to contact either the police (Weymouth CID) in confidence on 101 or Dorchester Town Football Club (01305) 262451.

"The chairman and the board of directors wish it to be known that violence and abusive behaviour will not be tolerated at Dorchester Town Football Club and offenders will face long term bans as well as possible prosecution," said a club spokesman.

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Cricket pavilion windows smashed

ALL the windows at the Charlton Down Cricket Club pavilion were smashed in a vandal attack in the early hours of Boxing Day.

Police believe it happened between 1.00am and 3.00am and are appealing for witnesses.

A small amount of alcohol was taken in the attack which also saw the building's front door forced.

Inspector Steve Marsh, of Dorchester Police, said several residents heard the damage being caused, but nobody called the police.

"We strongly believe that those responsible come from the local area and I would urge anyone that has any information to let us know and provide the information anonymously."

Witnesses or anyone with information should contact Dorchester Police on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 11.

Meet PCC Martyn Underhill at Tesco

POLICE and Crime Commissioner for Dorset, Martyn Underhill, will be in the foyer at Dorchester Tesco at the end of the month.

His visit is to offer local people a chance for an informal chat about any police and crime matters they might like to raise. He will be in the store from 10am.

■ DORSET PCC Martyn Underhill

Major crackdown on poachers

MORE than 30 vehicles were stopped by police in an anti-poaching operation near Dorchester.

The action resulted in police seizing items from several of the vehicles, including high-powered lights, knives and catapults.

Dorchester Police Inspector Steve Marsh says the operation was mounted after complaints from landowners between Dorchester and Puddletown about an increase in poaching.

Mr Marsh says he is keen to hear from any pubs or restaurants locally who may have been offered venison and other game.

"The operation will be repeated and poachers will be targeted," said the Inspector.

"Members of the public are urged to contact Dorset Police should they see any suspicious activity taking place during the hours of darkness."

The police operation has the support of the local branch of the National Farmers Union who say that, apart from being illegal, poachers often disturb sheep and cattle and can damage fences allowing livestock to escape.

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Walking around Dorchester in the shoes of a WWI soldier

NEW leaflets have been launched to encourage people to join a First World War trail around Dorchester.

The 'Walking in their Shoes' team, a youth-led project for 15-25 year olds, set up an interactive history trail around the county town for the centenary of the First World War.

Now new leaflets, designed by Wallis Agency in Poundbury, are being made available to further promote the trail which uses an app for mobile phones and tablet computers.

The trail was developed, researched and designed by volunteers from the project over nine months last year. Those joining the trail can find a series of flashcards in containers which illustrate stories about the life of a soldier from when he joined up to the realities of what life was like in the trenches.

Apart from GPS-enabled devices participants can also use a conventional map and clues to locate the containers, or caches.

Dorchester Tourist Information Centre is the first in the county to distribute the leaflets designed to accompany the walk.

■ Jack Welch (centre) and Edward Trist of 'Walking in their Shoes' at the leaflet launch in the Dorchester TIC with Jen Prince from the centre

One walker commented: "The information on the cache page really brought the history of the soldier to life. I could picture what life would have been like. We are all so proud of all those who fought for us and it's a good time of the year to remember all who were involved and affected by all wars."

Lorna Johnson, Project Officer for 'Walking in their Shoes', has been delighted with the feedback so far and said: "The young team worked really hard with partners at the Military Keep museum and Bovington Tank museum to put together a great walk. It is a great activity to do in Dorchester and Moreton and proves young people have a passion for their local heritage and are very successful at telling important local stories in new and exciting ways."

The project is also launching its second walk; in the shoes of St Aldhelm, first Bishop of Sherborne. The trail will start in Sherborne and continue through Cerne Abbas, Wimborne Minster, Wareham and finish at St Aldhelm's Head.

To find out more about 'Walking in their Shoes', visit the website www.walkingintheirshoes.co.uk.

Come wassailing one and all at the railway community orchard

A TRADITIONAL wassail will be held at Dorchester's railway community orchard on Saturday, January 10th, from 11.00am.

Everyone is invited to come along with any instrument, or even a saucepan lid and wooden spoon, to take part. It involves singing to the trees and frightening away evil spirits to help ensure a good harvest. The trees will also be toasted with apple juice and apple cake.

The orchard, just off the Culliford Road rail bridge, diagonally opposite the Baker's Arms pub, is run by Transition Town Dorchester and offers year-round work for volunteers.

It has been created from what was an area of overgrown land by clearing away brambles and sycamores and planting trees and fruit bushes. The site now attracts bees and also has a pond and picnic area.

In recent months additional trees have been donated by Waitrose with more than a hundred fruit and hedgerow trees donated by the Woodland Trust for the creation of an edible hedge.

Orchard work days are normally held from 11.00am to 3.00pm on the first Saturday of every month.

■ ABOVE and below, scenes from last year's wassailing at the community orchard

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Elvis day for Age UK on his 80th birthday

AGE UK Dorchester will be commemorating Elvis Presley's 80th birthday with a special 'Elvis Day' on Wednesday, January 14th.

The Prince of Wales Road centre will have an exhibition of Elvis memorabilia to include records, movie posters, books and a slideshow of photographs from Tupelo, Memphis and Nashville.

There will also be music and a few surprises. The exhibition runs from 10.00am to 11.30am. Coffee and cookies will be included in the entrance fee of £1.50.

In the afternoon, at the Evergreen Cinema, there will be a short tribute to Elvis, followed by a special showing of his most popular film, 'Blue Hawaii. The cinema lights will dim at 1.45pm and tea and biscuits will be served during the screening (£1.50). Ice creams will also be available.

Organiser Margaret Wellspring said: "Many of today's retired people were Elvis fans in their youth, and a day like this is something that they would find interesting and entertaining.

"We would love to see all those Elvis fans come along and have a wonderful time, and in doing so, support their local charity".

Charminster council backs plans for 70 new homes

CHARMINSTER Parish Council has voted to support plans for a new village hall and a 70-home development for the village.

A final decision will be made by West Dorset planning committee members in the new year.

Wyatt Homes has offered a new village hall with 30 parking spaces, a village green and a tennis court as part of their housing scheme for land at Charminster Farm.

A survey to gain residents' views on the plans resulted in almost 200 responses with 146 saying they approved of the proposal.

Parish councillors are to ask the developers to include as many 'affordable' homes as they can, with priority to thosewith connections to Charminster.

Warming packs for elderly

'WINTER warmer' packs are being made available to Dorset residents in the most need as part of the Surviving Winter appeal.

The campaign is led by the Dorset Community Foundation with the packs available from Age UK, Dorchester. They contain fleece blankets, hand warmers, gloves, soup, a hot water bottle and a flask.

The packs have been paid for by generous people who receive, but do not need their winter fuel allowance.

Appeal manager Tracy Melling said: "Many of the Age UK clients live on their own and have an existing health condition, so we hope that the winter warmer packs will make a difference."

The Dorset Community Foundation also works with Citizens Advice Bureau across Dorset to support older people who are struggling with winter fuel bills, with grants of up to £200 available to eligible applicants.

Bumper Beerex expected: tickets almost sold out

■ Drinkers raise a glass at last year's Dorchester Beerex festival

DORCHESTER Beerex organisers are promising a bumper event this year as with tickets for the February event have almost sold out already.

Regulars were already at Dorchester Tourist Information Centre, Goldie's pub in Dorchester and The Boot in Weymouth when ticket sales opened on January 1st.

The festival, on February 6th and 7th in the Corn Exchange, Dorchester, is jointly organised by west Dorset's Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) and Dorchester Round Table.

A spokesman for the Beerex organisation urged drinkers to get their tickets early so they wouldn't miss out on this prestigious event.

The festival is financed by local companies and breweries sponsoring a barrel, this year every barrel is sponsored already. Since it started, 27 years ago, the festival has raised an astonishing £100,000 for local charities.

Beerex Chairman Rick Dowell said: "I would like to thank all the companies and breweries who have sponsored every barrel: this shows a great community spirit."

A selection of 80 real ales and ciders will be on offer from all around the UK, with some festival special brews. The event is sponsored by Bridport brewery, Palmers.

A festival raffle will take place at each session which supports the Round Table's 'Children's Wish Appeal' making terminally and seriously ill children's dreams come true.

For more information to www.Beerex.co.uk.

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Hospital broadcasters shortlisted for national radio award

A DEDICATED band of young broadcasters from Dorchester have been shortlisted for a national award for the second year running.

The Kingfisher Club, who make daily radio programmes for the Kingfisher Ward at Dorset County Hospital, have been nominated for Best programme with multiple presenters in the 2015 National Hospital Broadcasting Awards.

Ridgeway Radio is a voluntary organisation offering a personal and local radio service for the enjoyment of patients while in Dorset county hospital. They entertain patients with friendly chat, with record requests from their relatives and friends, and provide a link to the outside world through items of local goings-on and live Outside Broadcasts.

Ridgeway Radio's youngest member, Aiden Carter, has also been nominated for Best Newcomer and follows in the footsteps last year's nominee, Dom Cornfield.

The final results will be announced at the national awards ceremony, on Saturday, March 28th.

■ MEMBERS of the Ridgeway Radio Kingfisher Club, short-listed for a national radio award

News in brief...

■ WOULD-BE MIDWIVES are being invited to attend an information session at the County hospital next week.

The career event, 'Meet the Midwives Day', will be held on Friday, January 16th with signs from the main entrance telling visitors where it is being held.

■ PLANT HERITAGE GROUP AGM will be followed by a light-hearted quiz compiled by nursery owner Martin Young, at Kingston Maurward on Thursday, January 8th.

Members are being invited to attend the formal business meeting from 7.00pm on Thursday 8th.

■ FAMILIES IN DORSET can access a wide range of information about events and activities over the winter, including local childcare and parent support groups from the county council website.

Dorset County Council's Family Information Service offers support to parents and carers of children aged 0-19, or up to 25 for young people with a disability, through its online directory.

Cllr Rebecca Knox, Cabinet member for children's safeguarding and families at Dorset County Council, said: "By using our online directory, you can see what's on in your local area or search for a particular activity."

The site can be found at www.dorsetforyou.com/aboutfis or call (01305) 221066 for more information.

If you have a story for Dorchester, email trevorbevins@gmail.com

Lower Bockhampton development protest gets support from America

AN AMERICAN Professor has joined the fight against plans to build homes at Lower Bockhampton, close to where Thomas Hardy lived.

Yale University Professor Rosemarie Morgan has joined the campaigners by lodging an official objection to the 70-home development.

Other opponents include the Hardy Society, the Dorset Campaign to Protect Rural England and Downton Abbey creator Julian Fellowes who lives nearby.

The application, by Kingston Maurward College, has yet to be decided by West Dorset planners.

The village, which only has 28 houses, provided the inspiration for two of Hardy's novels: 'Under the Greenwood Tree' and 'Tess of the D'urbervilles.'

Professor Morgan, who has taught at Yale for 20 years and is the president of the Thomas Hardy Association there said: "The size, scale and intrusive nature of the proposed development would adversely affect the serene, rustic character of the high value landscape.

"Such heritage assets once destroyed would be destroyed forever.

"The setting of the hamlet, to which thousands of visitors are drawn every year, many in homage to Thomas Hardy's country, would cease to be a global attraction; indeed its loss would be mourned by millions around the world."

Hardy was born in Higher Bockhampton in 1840 and walked a mile every day to go to school at Lower Bockhampton, which the author called Melstock in his novels.

Kingston Maurward agricultural college said it needs the development to improve facilities for students on the adjoining campus site.

Principal Clare Davison said: "We want to provide additional state of the art agri-tech facilities and expand our Higher Education offer enabling more students to study degree programmes on their doorstep.

"The capital released from the sale of land will enable the college to embark on a programme of redevelopment and will have a positive impact on meeting local housing needs."

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Dorset Men mourn chairman Roy Adam

A LONG-SERVING former chairman of the Society of Dorset Men, Roy Adam, has died at the age of 91.

Mr Adam was chairman for 21 years, taking over in 1988.

He passed away at his son's home near Taunton on New Year's Eve. Born at Pimperne he spent all his life in the village, apart from distinguished service as a commando during World War II.

He served in Egypt, Malta and invaded Italy at Taranto, and was part of the D-Day Force J, landing at Arromanches on the morning of June 6th, 1944.

"I sought adventure, but ended-up with a lot more than I bargained for," he used to say.

"Roy Adam was the very personification of the Dorset countryman," remembers Michel Hooper-Immins, spokesman for The Society of Dorset Men.

"He had been a member for over 40 years and, as chairman, saw the society through some difficult years."

He was the popular Master of Ceremonies at the annual County Dinner, leading the traditional ceremony of welcoming the Dorset Blue Vinny cheese, always finding the right words for any occasion with his strong Dorset voice.

■ ROY Adam MBE enjoying a pint of real ale at The Anvil in Pimperne
Photograph: Michel Hooper-Immins

"Roy Adam led us for over two decades and brought the society, founded in 1904, into the modern world," continued Mr Hooper-Immins.

"He had an overwhelming passion and love for his beloved home county of Dorset that shone through every day of his life."

Mr Adam was awarded the MBE for services to the community in 2000. He helped start the Blandford Royal Naval Association 60 years ago, also founding the Blandford RNLI branch 46 years ago.

He was either a member or the clerk of Pimperne parish council for 38 years and a special constable for 17 years.

For 58 years he organised the annual Act of Remembrance for the Collingwood battalion of the Royal Naval Division just north of Pimperne, dedicated in 1919.

"A stroke in January 2009 robbed Roy of his speech, a cruel fate for one who so much enjoyed talking to his many friends wherever he went," says Mr Hooper-Immins.

"He and Hazel continued to attend society events, where a queue would immediately form to shake his hand and enquire after his health.

"We will all miss his calm influence and immense kindness: he was a true friend to all who had the great pleasure of knowing him."

Roy Adam leaves his widow Hazel, son Stuart, who followed him as Chairman of the Society of Dorset Men; daughter Suzanna and grandchildren Adam and Sam.

News in brief...

■ BROADMAYNE holds its next community market on Friday, January 16th from 2.00 until 3.30pm at St Martin's hall.

Homemade cakes, crafts, plants, produce, bric a brac and items from local producers will be on sale along with a raffle and refreshments.

Profits from the regular markets help fund improvement works currently underway at the hall.

■ A COUNTRY MUSIC EVENING at Dorchester's Trinity Club this weekend will raise money for the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.

Bill Conlon and Emerald will be playing at the club from 8.00pm until late on Saturday, January 10th. Admission £7 on the door or by calling Dorchester (01305) 269095.

■ DORSET WILDLIFE TRUST volunteering manager Steve Davis will be showing pictures from his year and talking about the work of volunteer parties across the county.

His illustrated talk takes place at the Herrison Hall, Charlton Down on January 20th with a suggested donation of £3.

■ THE IMPACT OF WINTER STORMS on Dorset's coast will be discussed at a meeting of National Trust supporters in Dorchester.

Belle Crawford of the NT will be speaking to the group at St George's church hall on Thursday, January 15th from 2.30pm.

Admission is £2.50 (members), £3 non-members.

A brace of bird talks

MARTIN Cade, the warden who runs the Portland Bird Observatory will be talking about his work at a South Dorset RSPB meeting in Dorchester on Thursday, January 15th at 7.15pm in St George's Hall.

The meeting is open to guests and costs £3 for members, £3.50 for visitors, to include refreshments.

Also on January 15th at 7.15pm, ornithologists can hear another RSPB speaker when Lynne Birmingham will be talking about woodpeckers and other woodland birds at a meeting of the Trees for Dorset group in the Magistrate's Room.

Stroller on a zip-wire

■ A DORCHESTER stroller at Poundbury

DORCHESTER Strollers took advantage of a sunny morning to visit Poundbury Hillfort and then returned for post walk coffee/tea via the Great Field at Poundbury.

Group leader Sue Blake said that one of the younger walkers explored the zip wire at the field.

Dorchester Strollers is an accredited Walking for Health Group offering local walks on Monday mornings and Tuesday afternoons, always with an optional coffee or tea at the end.

Programmes can be obtained from Dorchester Tourist Information Centre or call (01305) 263759 or online at www.walkingforhealth.org.uk.

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Weymouth Pavilion 10am – 12pm

15 January - Poole
The Thistle Hotel 6pm – 8pm

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News in brief...

■ OPERA AND ART COURSES: WEA afternoon courses are starting in Dorchester. January 26th is the start of 'Enjoying Opera' with tutor Mitchell Roberston at the Dorford Centre. The course runs for seven weeks.

On January 19th for five sessions is 'Traveller Abroad' with Margaret Hulmes who will compare and discuss five novels with travelling heroines who are in search of escape.

Course booking and further information can be obtained by calling Dorchester (01305) 269510 or online at www.wea.org.uk.

■ DORCHESTER CAMERA CLUB is holding an exhibition of members' work at the Dorset county museum which runs until the end of February.

The exhibition is in the museum cafe and comprises printed images and electronic images displayed on two monitors.

■ DORCHESTER HEALTH CLUB which has been at the old hospital site for 20 years, has moved from Somerleigh Road to the former Salvation Army building in Durngate Street.

Debbie Easter will be running the new base, supported by daughter Rachel from this week.

The new gym will have all the facilities of the Somerleigh Road business and will also have a café area on the upper floor.

■ THE COUNTY COUNCIL'S PENSION SCHEME remains in the top ten of best performing local government schemes in the country.

The fund, valued in 2014 at just over £2billion, was the 8th highest performing fund over three years.

Amongst other investment it directly owns 21 properties worth £187 million.

National Trust association to admit non-NT members

THE National Trust south Dorset association has now been extended its membership to include non-National Trust card holders.

The organisation was set up in 1994 to increase to support the National Trust locally with day trips, talks, holidays and social events throughout the year.

The group has also raised funds to support local NT projects such as the refurbishment of Hardy's monument, the gardens of Portland House and the Hardy birthplace visitor centre.

The change was agreed at the association's annual meeting held in Dorchester.

Full details can be found on the website www.southdorsetnt.org.nt.

■ THE National Trust's South Dorset association presents a cheque for £1,400 to the National Trust

Children should be taught CPR says heart charity

PEOPLE in the south west believe children should be taught life-saving skills in schools, according to new research by the British Heart Foundation (BHF).

The BHF polled over 2,000 people and found that 89% of people in the region thought that children should leave secondary school knowing how to carry out cardiac resuscitation.

More than 30,000 people have a cardiac arrest outside of hospital, but fewer than one-in-ten survive; partly because people do not have the skills or confidence to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

Survival rates in the UK are much lower than other countries. In parts of Norway, where children learn CPR in schools, up to 25% people survive a cardiac arrest, according to the charity.

To improve survival rates, the BHF is calling on people in the south west to visit their local BHF shop to sign a petition urging the government to ensure all children are taught CPR in school.

Angie Vidler, Regional Manager of the British Heart Foundation, said: "Lives are lost every day because people do not have the skills to act in a life-threatening situation.

"We believe that every child should leave school knowing how to perform CPR. That's why we need people to go into their local shop, sign the petition, and help create a nation of lifesavers.

"Children learn many lessons in school but what is more important than knowing how to save a life?"

People can sign the petition by going into their local shop and asking a member of staff. To find your local BHF shop go to bhf.org.uk/map or call 0800 915 7000.

News in brief...

■ JULIA'S HOUSE children's hospice is looking for more furniture to stock its shops.

Any item that is in good condition would be gratefully received; from chairs to desks, from beds to three-piece suites.

The charity's vans, which are driven by volunteers, can be booked to pick up from donors' homes by calling (01202) 601998.

All of the Julia's House shops will happily accept a variety of donated goods such as toys, clothes, books, games, ornaments and are always on the look-out for new stock.

More information about the charity's shops can be found at juliashouse.org or by calling 01202 644220.

■ A FOOTBALL MATCH between Weymouth and Dorchester 'old boys' raised almost £4,000 for the Dorset county hospital children's ward and a meningitis charity.

More than 500 people watched the game for the George Patterson trophy.

The competition is named for a boy who contracted a rare strain of meningitis while he was a baby, leaving him deaf and partially paralysed.

George's mother, Naomi, said that the money was raised as a 'thank you' to the hospital staff. Half the money was donated to Meningitis Now.

■ DORCHESTER MOOSE are planning their Spring Fair at the United Church, for Marie Curie, on March 21st.

The organisation is also planning a 'Winefest' on April 18th at Osmington Village Hall in aid of Marie Curie. Tickets will be available in the New Year, and will cost £12.50, .

Tickets can also be obtained from Richard Crosby, Chairman of Dorchester Marie Curie Fundraising Group on 07879 692369.

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View from newspapers in West Dorset

■ SPENCER McCarthy from Churchill with Katie Blake from Macmillan Cancer Support

Churchill Retirement Living gives over £20k to Macmillan charity

MACMILLAN Cancer Support has been presented with a cheque for £21,749.81 from retirement developer, Churchill Retirement Living.

The company which has a home in Dorchester, took part in the annual World's Biggest Coffee Morning event.

Churchill colleagues and owners at Barnes Lodge all came together to brew, bake, drink, eat and raffle their way to exceed the £20,000 target.

In the south west region, Chairman and Group Managing Director, Spencer McCarthy, and Regional Managing Director, Martin Young, also donned pinnies and made tea and coffee for employees at Churchill's head office.

Mr McCarthy commented: "This is the sixth year Churchill has taken part in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning and being able to present this cheque to Macmillan this week is a real pleasure as we know how vital such fundraising is to the work that they do. It also makes serving 115 cups of tea and coffee to the team at head office all the more worthwhile too!"

Katie Blake from Macmillan Cancer Support said: "We are so grateful to Churchill Retirement Living for choosing to support us again this year.

"The money raised will go towards supporting the two million people affected by cancer today, ensuring that no one will face cancer alone.

"Churchill have been fantastic supporters of Macmillan and are helping us be there for someone with cancer when they need us most. A huge thank you to everyone who was involved!"

Diverse Abilities celebrates 60th anniversary

ONE of Dorset's most deserving charities will be celebrating its 60th anniversary in 2015.

Diverse Abilities is the only charity in the county that supports children and adults with profound physical and-or learning disabilities and their families.

During 2015 the charity will proudly celebrate its 60th birthday and recall how over six decades it has grown and now supports more than 600 children and adults across the county.

The charity was founded by Phyllis Edwards, now 97 but still involved with the charity today. Phyllis, and her husband John's, daughter Marilyn, was born in 1948 with cerebral palsy and it took two years for her disability to be diagnosed.

Phyllis was told, "put her away she will only be a cabbage," but she and John discovered a need for support for local families with disabled children.

Their letter published in a newspaper in 1955 received a number of responses and within two months a group was formed for parents intent on providing better opportunities for children with physical and learning disabilities.

The first meeting was held in Phyllis's front room and the charity, known then as the Bournemouth, Poole & District Spastics Society, was formed and a committee appointed.

Sixty years on the charity now supports more than 600 children and adults with disabilities across Dorset and enables them to reach their full potential through a range of services and is proud to offer a lifetime partnership to the people it supports.

The charity continues to support Marilyn, Phyllis' daughter, to this day. She lives in one of the charity's supported living bungalows and visits its day opportunities centre, Barnabas.

Phyllis Edwards, Diverse Abilities founder, said: "Looking at the charity now, it is remarkable to think that the whole organisation came into being as a result of a small advertisement in 1955.

"I am proud to have started such an amazing charity and I hope its work can continue long into the future so more people with disabilities flourish and live happy, independent lives."

■ FOUNDER, Phyllis Edwards and her daughter, Marilyn

As part of the 60th year celebrations Diverse Abilities is encouraging the local community to get involved with the charity and there are many ways that people of all ages can join the charity celebrations during its commemorative diamond year.

Diverse Abilities would like to hear from anyone who has been involved with the charity in the past, have memories or interesting stories.

They also want to hear from anyone who would like to challenge him or herself and help raise funds for the charity as part of its £60,000 fundraising target.

Opportunities include skydiving, abseiling, It's A Knockout, dragon boat racing and running.

Jenny Pearce, communications manager at Diverse Abilities, said: "We are very excited about our 60th anniversary year and looking forward to all the plans that are in place.

It costs the charity £16,000 per day to run, so taking part in our events and getting involved will really help make a difference and people will be personally supporting the future of the charity.

"We have many events and initiatives planned in 2015, there's definitely going to be something for everyone. If you would like to be involved, please do get in touch."

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Free health checks in Tesco as they join with health organisations to fight obesity

TWO-THIRDS of people in the south west unaware of the number of calories needed to maintain a healthy weight.

The news comes as a new charity partnership is launched between the British Heart Foundation, Diabetes UK and Tesco to raise £30 million and help people lead healthier lives.

Research commissioned by Diabetes UK, the British Heart Foundation and Tesco found that:

- only one third (35%)of respondents from the south west knew the average man needs to consume 2,500 calories a day to maintain a healthy weight.
- only 37% could pinpoint 2,000 calories as the equivalent for women.

The group says that more than 60% of UK adults are currently overweight with nearly half of locals asked (45%) doing less than the minimum recommended amount of 150 minutes exercise per week. Nearly one in ten admit to doing no exercise at all (8%).

The British Heart Foundation, Diabetes UK and Tesco are highlighting these findings, to drive awareness that failure to understand how many calories are consumed could lead to weight gain.

They believe this lack of understanding is one of the factors fuelling the high obesity rate in the UK, which in turn is leading to the high rate of cardiovascular disease, Type 2 diabetes and other chronic health conditions.

Over the next three years, the three organisations are hoping to raise £30 million, to be spent on a series of initiatives that will help people better understand how to lead a healthy lifestyle, with the ultimate ambition to make a positive change to the health of the nation.

As one of the first activities of the partnership, Tesco stores around the country are offering free health checks for 40,000 individuals this January.

This includes a blood pressure check, a cholesterol test, a Type 2 diabetes test and a BMI (weight) check and takes about 20 minutes.

Barbara Young, Chief Executive of Diabetes UK, said: "It is worrying that most of us don't understand not just how many calories we should consume, but also what a healthy calorie intake looks like.

"This lack of awareness is one of the root causes of the high obesity levels that are, in turn, driving the soaring rate of type 2 diabetes, as well as cardiovascular disease and other chronic conditions."

Simon Gillespie, Chief Executive of the British Heart Foundation said: "These figures are deeply concerning and highlight our confusion about calories.

"Eating too much of any food increases the chances of becoming obese, a risk factor for coronary heart disease, which is the UK's single biggest killer.

"We must all pay more attention to what and how much we are eating and drinking to maintain a healthy weight and heart.

"Half of us aren't physically activite enough and this makes the situation much, much worse.

"Eating a balanced, healthy diet and doing regular physical activity are really important in reducing risk of becoming overweight and developing heart disease."

To get one of the free health checks, go to any Tesco pharmacy during January.

For more details on the campaign visit www.diabetes.org.uk/Tesco/Know-your-risk/Risk-assessments-at-Tesco-pharmacies.

Councillor fights for rural 'bill of rights'

WEST Dorset Liberal Democrat campaigner Ros Kayes is fighting for recognition of what many describe as the 'hidden poverty' of rural Dorset.

Cllr Kayes is hoping to persuade local councils to back the Rural Bill of Rights which recognises that people living in rural areas earn less yet have higher housing costs; live longer, yet find healthcare more difficult to access; pay more for fuel, energy and almost every commodity and have fewer opportunities in education training and leisure activities.

Campaigners claim that rural communities pay higher council tax, receive less government grant and have access to fewer public services than their urban counterparts.

They are calling for government to give more support for public services in rural areas and change how grants from central government are calculated.

In 2012/13 predominately rural local authorities recovered £147.81 in government formula grant per head, 52% less than their urban counterparts, while in 2012 the average rural dweller spent £2,000 a year more on their essential goods than their urban counterparts.

■ CLLR Kayes and campaigner Hugo Mieville at County Hall with the Rural Bill of Rights

Challenges ahead says Picot

Dorset Community Action chief executive Alex Picot has talked on a time of continuing change and challenging times ahead.

In his end of year message the Dorchester-based chief said: "This year has seen many changes in the sector from changes in local post offices, district wide reviews of community partnerships, to changes in the NHS and launch of the Clinical Services Review.

"While change can be unsettling for all of us, I do genuinely feel that there will be many opportunities for our sector in 2015, including shaping how our health and social care services will work, and new European funding programmes starting.

"Our sector needs to be ready for this, and be prepared to work collectively to secure our rightful place in this new reality."

■ DCA'S Alex Picot

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Colourfence is manufactured in Gloucestershire with all surveys and installations handled by a network of locally owned franchises. But, until the Stewarts became involved with the brand, nobody covered the South West - something that surprised Andy when he first came across the company.

"I was amazed Colourfence wasn't promoted in this area already, as there is clearly so much demand," he says. "We would certainly buy it ourselves; we have a garden and have spent too many afternoons with a paintbrush in hand. We've also spoken to friends and family who've recently had to repair or replace storm-damaged panels.

"Virtually no maintenance, coupled with its strength and durability make it the classic no brainer," he adds. "Moreover, the costs and guarantees means Colourfence is much better value than timber in the long term."

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With all its prices published on the website, Colourfence's customers know exactly what they pay. And that means they don't have to worry about negotiations or the hard-sell tactics that many home-improvement companies deploy, something Shelley Stewart says she wouldn't put their name to.

"Andy and I built and sold a franchise with a well-known home-improvement company, and we had a great reputation with the public," she says. "We always put a lot of emphasis on customer service, and were pleased to find Colourfence upholds those same standards."

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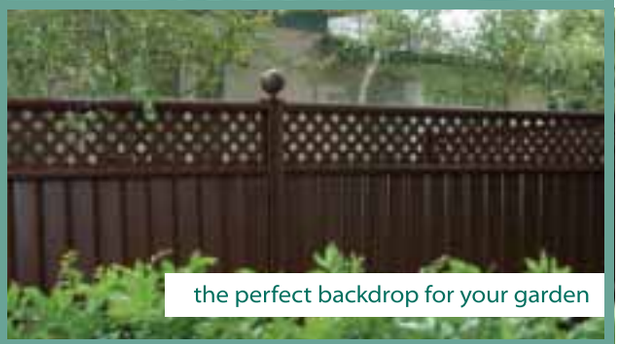
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"We are already hearing positive reports from our active groups", Kate from the Fordington group said. "It's actually good fun, I'm learning new things, and we are all learning from each other"

The Transition Together programme is supported by Communities Living Sustainably in Dorset, which is funded by the Big Lottery Fund.

To find out more, come to the meeting on 7th January at 7.00pm at The Quiet Space, Woodlands Crescent, Poundbury, Dorchester, or contact Emily on 07507 321954 or (01305) 213721.

Weldmar's snowdrop services

ELEVEN snowdrop services of remembrance are being planned by the Weldmar hospicecare trust across Dorset in 2015.

The snowdrop gardens and walks were established to provide a lasting memorial to loved ones. The services are held when snowdrops first appear, reminding us that the hope and warmth of spring are not far away.

The walks are held throughout our area from Shaftesbury in the north, to Weymouth in the south.

All are welcome to attend the services. Snowdrops can be planted in memory of a loved one and their name included in the snowdrop memorial book, which is kept in each location.

The trust asks for a donation of £10 to cover costs; this donation will be acknowledged by a commemorative card.

For more information call Bereavement Services, Weldmar Hospicecare trust on (01305) 215321. Full details are on the website: weldhospice.org.uk.

The services will be as follows:

- Beaminster: St Mary's church, Thursday February 12th, 11.00am
- Blandford: St Peter & St Paul's church, Tuesday February 3rd, 12.30pm
- Bridport: Bridport United church, Thursday February 5th, 11.30am
- Dorchester: the Borough gardens, Sunday February 1st, 3.00pm
- Gillingham: the Cemetery gardens, Saturday February 7th, 11.00am
- Lyme Regis: St Michael the Archangel church, Tuesday February 10th, 11.00am
- Shaftesbury: St James' church, Sunday February 15th, 3.00pm
- Sherborne: Castleton church, Friday February 6th, 11.00am
- Stalbridge: the Pound gardens, Sunday February 8th, 3.00pm
- Sturminster Newton: the Railway gardens, Monday February 2nd, 11.30am
- Weymouth: Holy Trinity church, Friday February 13th, 2.00pm

Wey Valley students learn about work

■ **Norman Staples of Weymouth Lions Club interviews student Jerry Thompson**

MORE than 150 Year 11 students at the Wey Valley School, Weymouth, have been getting a taste of adult life.

They have been learning tough lessons about what it takes to get into further education or start a career by undergoing mock job interviews with business leaders from local industry and the public sector.

Mary Critchell, Wey Valley's co-ordinator for ages 14 to 19, said: "This is the third year the school has carried out these mock interviews and they have served our students well as many 15-year-olds will not have experienced an interview before.

"Interview techniques are one of the basic employability skills that we all need and at Wey Valley we are doing all we can to prepare our students for the future. The feedback from students and the many volunteers from business has been really positive."

Year 11 student Jamie McIntyre said: "This was my first interview and I found it very useful with questions on predicted grades, future careers and where I am with my current studies."

Sophie Challoner said: "I have had two interviews before, but this morning's interview was very good with lots of questions about how my current studies will shape my future ambitions."

Harry Taylor-Griffiths said: "My interview went really well and has given me confidence in knowing what to expect with future interviews."

Lloyd Savage, economic regeneration officer at Weymouth and Portland council, said: "The interviews have been a really useful exercise.

"Some students were a little nervous at the start but became very confident as the interview progressed."

Councillor Pam Nixon said: "It has been a very interesting day meeting so many great students with so much potential. It was refreshing to hear young people with strong and determined opinions."

Sarah Colwell from Activate Performing Arts said: "Excellent interviews today; the students have surpassed my expectations with their preparation."

Wey Valley School principal Phil Thomas said: "We are very grateful for the continued support from so many business leaders who have interviewed and supported our students.

"This has been an inspiring day for our students and will no doubt prepare them well for their next step in their studies and careers."

If you have a story for Weymouth or Portland, email Harry Walton: hdswalton@yahoo.co.uk.
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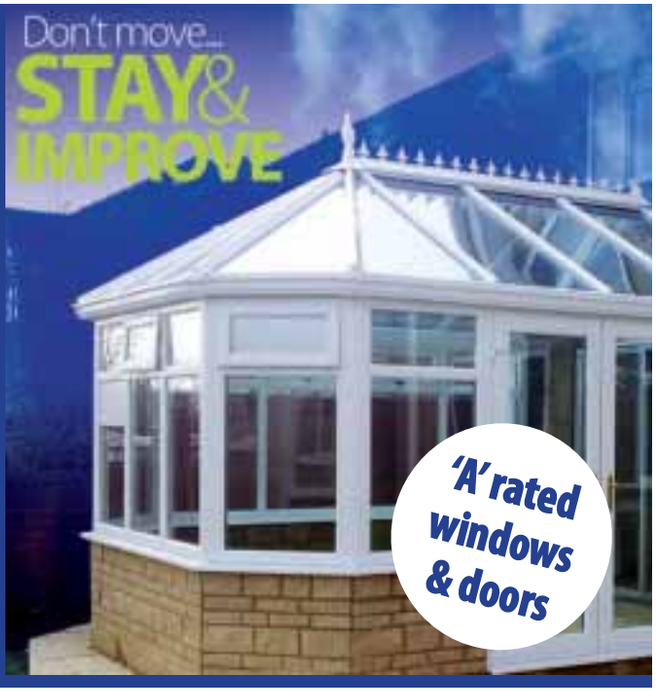

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Sensory garden opened in Weymouth

THE new sensory garden at Westhaven hospital

A SPECIAL sensory garden has been opened at Westhaven Community Hospital in Weymouth.

League of Friends at Weymouth & Portland hospitals chairman David Smith opened the facility which saw patients, friends and families join staff to celebrate the ribbon cutting for the therapeutic courtyard garden.

The idea for the garden came from the hospital's dementia group, whose members wanted to create a safe and tranquil outdoor sanctuary for those living with dementia and for end of life patients and their families to enjoy. The new garden is equipped with an outdoor socket so that music can be enjoyed outside.

The garden will provide multi-sensory stimulation as a form of therapy and a space that can be explored where plants provide stimulus for patients through their colour, texture and smell.

Its relaxed and informal atmosphere will also give dementia patients time to socialise and reduce any isolation or boredom they may be experiencing. It will also provide welcome distraction from their symptoms, helping to maintain mobility and improve mood, stamina and concentration.

Westhaven matron Anne Hiscock said: "The new sensory garden is in addition to our spectacular garden at the front of the hospital which is maintained to perfection by our fantastic volunteers and well used by patients and visitors alike.

"I would like to thank the League of Friends for their generous donation as well as the kind contributions made by grateful patients and relatives."

Flood prevention help on its way

DORSET residents who have suffered from flooding in their homes are getting help.

Dorset County Council is installing flood barriers, doors and pumps to homes that have reported internal flooding to the habitable parts of properties to criteria set by the Environment Agency.

Mr Howell, from Winterbourne Abbas had the work done and said: "I am very pleased with the work. The scheme has provided a great degree of help towards mitigating future flooding problems to my property.

A total of 100 properties will be fitted with devices that will improve flood resilience and help householders return to normality quickly after being flooded.

This scheme is funded by Flood Defence Grant in Aid which is administered by the Environment Agency.

Cllr Peter Finney, Cabinet member of environment and economy said:

"We are delighted to be co-ordinating this initiative and are confident that when installed we will significantly improve the resilience for households in the most at risk areas."

More help is at hand for those who have been affected by flooding from the National Flood Forum. The national charity helps people prevent or reduce the impact of flooding.

The National Flood Forum can be contacted on 01299 403055 or visit www.nationalfloodforum.org.uk

If you would like your property to be considered to benefit from the scheme in the future, visit www.dorsetforyou.com/flooding.

Join an indoor rounders team this year

WEST Dorset District Council (WDDC) is looking for new teams to join their indoor rounders league, starting at the end of January.

The indoor game is a six a side version of the outdoor game.

The league is being set up with financial assistance from Rounders England. The district council received a grant earlier this year and the council has already delivered rounders sessions to several groups in the area.

Throughout the country rounders is being played, and not just at school, but by parents, sports clubs and workplace teams. Indoor and outdoor competitions are proving to be very popular and the district council hopes that the league will be a great way to bring people together at the end of a work day.

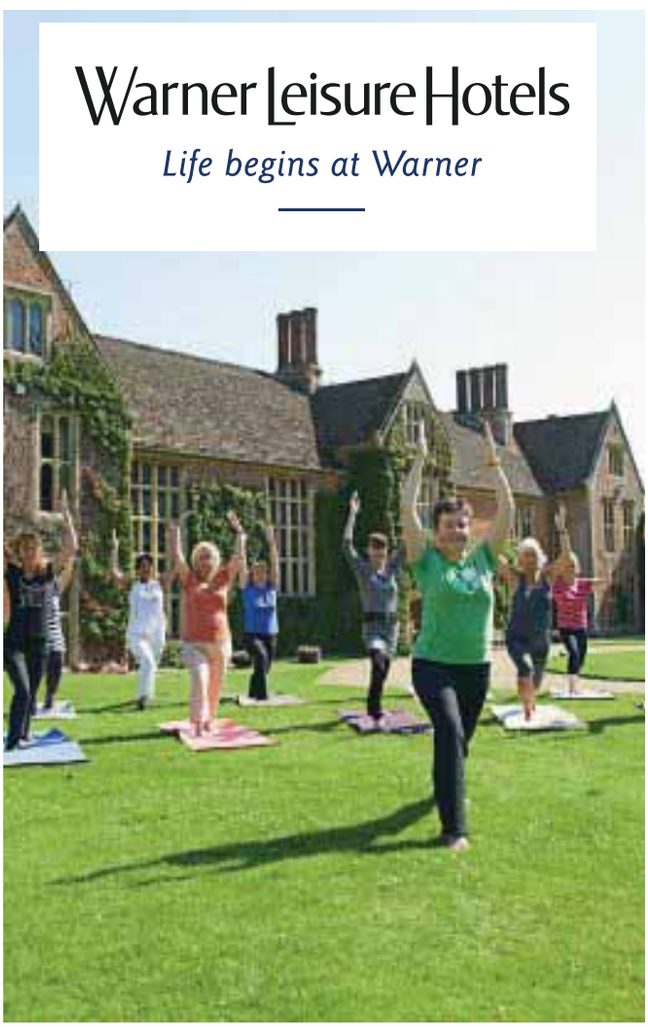
Cllr Robert Gould, WDDC leader said: "Participating in sport within the local community is a great way to meet new friends, socialise and help lead an active and healthy lifestyle.

"I would like to thank Rounders England for getting behind WDDC and supporting great community initiatives like this."

All fixtures will be played in Dorchester at St Osmund's community sports centre. The sports hall has a great viewing area so substitutes and other teams can watch games taking place and socialise at the same time.

The new league will have limited places and the first six teams to complete and return the team registration will be allocated a place. Teams can register up to 12 players but only six can play at any one time. Entries need to be received by January 8th.

If you would like to register a team or are interested in getting a team together and would like more information, visit dorsetforyou.com/rounders/west or please contact Sarah Davies on 01305 252263 or email sarah.davies@westdorset-weymouth.gov.uk.



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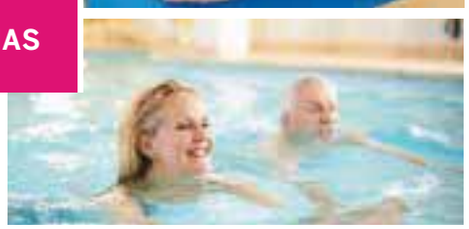

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Celebrity Training

Bridport residents launch fitness website 'Celebrity Training with Sam Faiers'

LOCAL business owners and fitness entrepreneurs Luke Hayter and Nicole Attrill have launched a new fitness venture with fashion and television personality Sam Faiers entitled 'Celebrity Training with Sam Faiers'.

Bridport residents Luke Hayter and Nicole Attrill have developed 'Celebrity Training with Sam Faiers' as an all inclusive health and fitness website focused on you getting the best results at home with your computer, smartphone or tablet. Renowned personal trainer Nicole Attrill and Sam Faiers head up the exercise tutorials with fun and challenging workouts for you to do at anytime, anywhere.

It's packed full of tutorials, advice and tips to help maximize your workout and get you that healthy, strong and dream body! Whether your goal is to get fitter, slimmer, stronger or more toned, Celebrity Training is your new personal trainer to help get you results and best news is – it can all be done from the comfort of your own home!

Filled with exclusive content it's also completely bespoke, you can send pictures of your improvement and target graphs are there to help see your progression! 'Celebrity Training with Sam Faiers' also has a food and diet section with recommendations from healthy eating expert Sophie Bradshaw.

'Celebrity Training with Sam' directors Luke Hayter and Nicole Attrill comment:

'We are thrilled to be launching our new business venture 'Celebrity Training with Sam Faiers' next year, it's a great website and we have worked hard to make sure the workouts are challenging and fun at the same time. Launching our website with Sam Faiers is brilliant as she pushes herself and has seen results from training with Nicole and is looking forward to sharing this with her fans.'

Fashion and television personality Sam Faiers adds:

"I am really excited to be working with Luke and Nicole on our project 'Celebrity Training with Sam Faiers' as I love all things health and fitness; the beauty of the website is that you can do it anywhere at anytime. As I lost a dramatic amount of weight from my Crohn's Disease, I feel stronger than ever since working with the team at Celebrity Training."

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- Choose reduced fat cheese or when using cheese in cooking, try a stronger flavour like mature Cheddar, which means you can use less.
- Brown leaner mince when making spaghetti bolognese or chilli, then drain off any fat before adding other ingredients.
- Choose desserts and dressings that are lower in fat.
- Use semi-skimmed, 1% fat or skimmed milk instead of whole milk.
- Swap sugary cereals for plain ones like porridge or wholegrain wheat biscuits.
- Use less sugar and salt, and try not to add salt to food when cooking.

Break the boozing

- If you tend to have a drink at a certain time, break the habit by doing something different at that time.
- If you drink every day, try to have at least two days a week when you don't drink at all.
- Pace yourself by sipping slowly, and space your drinks out - have a soft drink or glass of water in between.
- Have a smaller bottle of beer instead of a can, or a single instead of a double.
- Swap your usual for a drink with less alcohol, which may be cheaper and often has less calories.

Active ideas

- Walk or cycle to work, school and/or the shops.
- Use the stairs instead of the lift.
- Dance madly to your favourite songs in the kitchen.
- Take up a sport you enjoyed at school.
- Do some active housework or gardening.

For more information about small healthy changes, visit www.nhs.uk/Change4Life

2015 fitness trends

LONG gone are the days when exercising meant going for a jog or heading to the local aerobics class.

These things still exist of course, but not quite in the same way - aerobics now means a long list of pump-it/dance-it/blast-it/shake-it-to-the-beat variations, there are all sorts of fancy gizmos and disciplines for strengthening up and, while jogging might still essentially be the same, look at how many people are now 'training' for an event, monitoring progress on smartphones and investing in the latest gravity-defying trainers.

Certainly, we're spoilt for choice these days when it comes to how we exercise. 2014 saw high-intensity interval training [HIIT] become mainstream, 'personal bests' are something everybody - not just pro athletes - think about, and getting-my-sweat-on overtook pouting-on-a-night-out as the social media selfie of choice.

According to the trend forecasters, there's more to come in 2015.

"We've all become more serious about sports and recognised that we might actually improve our performance if we trained specifically for the event," says leading personal trainer Matt Roberts. "It's taken a while, but following advice experts have given for years is now on-trend and set to continue. Blame/thank the rise of triathlon and cycling, and their physical and technical demands..."

Indeed, 'fit not thin' was the mantra for 2014, with toned, healthy and strong overtaking catwalk-skinny as the most bandied body ideal (hurrah!). But how we look isn't the only fitness reward we cherish; how it makes us feel is important too.

"Working out now isn't just for the sake of it, and it's not just for aesthetics," adds Roberts. "A trek, mountain climb, triathlon, duathlon or any of the other events available are becoming the norm. Find a new goal, make it big, the world is your oyster and nothing is going to stop you in 2015!"

Personal fulfilment, improved mental and physical health, camaraderie and supporting charity campaigns all feature on our list of motivations for pursuing challenges too. On a day-to-day scale, against a backdrop of obesity epidemic headlines and rising rates of stress and depression, each and every one of us can benefit from being active.

Time and convenience top the list

"We're increasingly time poor," says Dave Kyle, head trainer for Les Mills UK. "We're working longer hours than ever, so finding time to work out can be increasingly difficult."

"A huge trend for 2015 will be convenience and time efficiency," adds Kyle. "Whereas previous years we've heard about extreme and tough workouts, 2015 will see more classes and workouts being offered that fit in and complement our busy lifestyles.

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IS YOUR New Year's resolution to get fit or lose weight? New Year is a great opportunity to kick-start that healthy lifestyle, lose those extra pounds and hit the gym. Start as you mean to go on and visit Bridport Leisure Centre today! If you don't fancy the gym, then rest assured there are plenty of other ways to get fit with a new Fitness Class Timetable and a revised Swimming Timetable for those that want to make a splash and get into shape!

Whether pounding through the water with a fast paced front crawl or toning up with breaststroke, swimming is a versatile sport that can really improve your aerobic fitness levels. It doesn't matter whether you're a beginner taking your first lesson in the water, having fun at Aqua Fit or returning to the sport after a break, Bridport Leisure Centre has something for everyone! The Main Pool plays host to a number of regular Aqua Fit classes including a new Aqua Blast class on a Tuesday evening from 6.30pm – 7.15pm. This is a high intensity session designed to raise cardio and endurance levels, whilst improving strength, flexibility and muscle tone with no impact on your joints.

Swimming is also a great family activity and the Big Fish Swim School kids' lessons could also help your little ones get a head start in the water. The Big Splash Inflatable session on Saturdays provides a fun hour for the kids to burn of some steam and go wild. On Sundays the Big Splash Fun sessions offer fun for all the family; both pools are filled with a variety of fun floats, mats, woggles and toys for everyone to enjoy.

The Main Pool is now open for Public Swimming until 8pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays, followed by Lane Swimming until 9.30pm. The new and exciting Price for Life Swim Only Membership can help you make the most of the 25 metre pool. The Swim Only Membership allows you to enjoy unlimited use of the Swimming Pool during all public sessions; this membership is ideal for both the serious swimmer and those who want to unwind and relax with a leisurely swim and if you join now you can save the £25.00 joining fee!

With over 100 Fitness Classes per week, the new Fitness Class Timetable runs from Monday 5th January–March 31st 2015 and includes some new and exciting classes and courses. If you're looking for a Monday lunchtime workout, why not try the new 6 week Kettlebells Course to set you up for your week. If you want to move your dancing feet, then a new Line Dancing class will be running on Wednesday mornings from the 14th January in the Sports Hall, and for those who want to stretch and get bendy there is an additional 6 week Stretch Course starting on Saturday mornings

Pulse Fitness

MAKE it your New Year resolution to 'Get your heart racing with Pulse Gym'. Motivating you to be active healthy and strong - Pulse Fitness is a family run business on the Granby in Weymouth. Becky, owner, and her mum Sandi are at the helm of this small but friendly fitness centre.

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CASANOVA IN LOVE

Pip Utton brings his new show to Broadwindsor

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TRANSMISSION

Your guide to local live music

upcoming gigs

Saturday 10 Jan
Arts Centre, DORCHESTER
DA Blues: Becca Langsford & Vince Lee
Doors 7.30pm. £13/£6.50, £14/£7, £11/£12.

Nags Head, LYME REGIS
Real World

Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
Powercut
9.30pm

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Sunday 11 Jan
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
Ansell & Gretel
4-6pm

Durnovaria Wine Bar, South Street, DORCHESTER
Bernardo playing Continental Guitar
4-6pm

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Friday 16 Jan
Arts Centre, BRIDPORT
Elaine Davies and Philip Clouts
8pm. £10

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Saturday 17 Jan
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
Slither
9.30pm

Re-loved Vintage & Tea Rooms/Bistro, 2 Cornhill, DORCHESTER
Bernardo playing Vintage Guitar
7pm. Free entry, booking advised - 01305 257070.

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Sunday 18 Jan
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
Richard Kennedy
4-6pm

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Saturday 24 Jan
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
The Esplanades
9.30pm

Nags Head, LYME REGIS
On The Nash

Re-loved Vintage & Tea Rooms/Bistro, 2 Cornhill, DORCHESTER
Bernardo playing Vintage Guitar
7pm. Free entry, booking advised - 01305 257070.

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Sunday 25 Jan
Crown Inn, BRIDPORT
Amy Mayes 4-6pm

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Friday 30 Jan
Marine Theatre, LYME REGIS
Southern Tenant Folk Union
Doors 7.15pm. £13.50/£12.50

Top vocalist at Jazz Cafe

ELAINE DAVIES WILL WOW WITH HER VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL PROWESS

VOCALIST Elaine Davies is also a multi-instrumentalist, playing saxophone, flute and clarinet, and the audience will be able to experience all of these at the Bridport Arts Centre Jazz Café on Friday, January 16th. (She also plays the piano but this role will be filled on this occasion by the jazz café impresario Philip Clouts).

Elaine appeared on prime time TV during the many years that she was with the Midland Youth Jazz Orchestra, and when she eventually moved to Devon she played in the Algy Davies Quartet, supporting many visiting national jazz musicians.

Elaine Davies is the musical director of the Carlton Big Band and the Carlton Swing Band. She also has her own jazz quartet, is a woodwind teacher in Devon, and a jazz educator. She plays the lead tenor saxophone in both bands as well as being a vocalist in the band.

Elaine is from the West Midlands and is a multi-instrumentalist. She started playing piano at the age of seven, clarinet at eleven, and saxophone since she was fifteen, then the flute at eighteen. She is also a classically trained singer, and joined Opera South West when she came to the West Country, enjoying playing such prestigious leading roles such as Bizet's 'Carmen' at Buckland Abbey.

Instead of touring with the Ivy Benson Band, she chose instead to come to Plymouth to take up a Head of Music teaching position. She first got the bug for jazz when she started doing jazz club gigs in Birmingham with her saxophone teacher, Mike Burney,(Lead tenor saxophonist in Syd Lawrence Orchestra) while still at school. Having tuition from Don Rendell at Whirtley Hall, Sheffield, and master classes from Alan Wakeman and Stan Sultzman at Glamorgan College, Elaine soon became passionate about playing jazz. She was a member of the original Midland Youth Jazz Orchestra for many years, on lead tenor, making an album with Kenny Baker and the band, and appearing on prime time TV with MYJO.

Since moving to Plymouth, she met her first husband Lloyd (Algy) Davies at a jazz club. He was a superb jazz trombonist and Elaine played saxophone and flute in the Algy Davies Sextet, which often featured stars such as Don Rendell, Dick Pearce, Harry Beckett and Bobby Wellins. Elaine has played with many other bands such as Tour De Force, Joey The Lips, Soul Station and various jazz bands, and supports the Cavitron Fund by playing saxophone at their Fundraising Luncheons. She is kept busy being a bandleader and saxophonist, and teaching woodwind instruments in schools.

Elaine Davies will sing and play a variety of well loved jazz from the "Great American Songbook. on Friday, January 16th at 8pm at Bridport Arts Centre. Tickets are £10 available from the box office on 01308 424204 or online at www.bridport-arts.com

Elaine Davies

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Saturday 31st January
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Saturday 14th February
ALAN WEST & STEVE BLACK
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Feelgood 40s swing

HITS FROM THE BLITZ

HITS From The Blitz, the unique feel-good 1940s show, as featured at the Leicester Square Theatre, London, will be swinging into the Comrades Hall, Broadwindsor, on Sunday, January 11th.

The show, which starts at 7.30pm, will have you singing along to famous war-time tunes brought to life by the singers and multi-instrumentalists of the Five Star Swing band, as seen at Dame Vera Lynn's Charity Gala Nights.

"Superb, they swing like crazy!" –says the BBC's Sheila Tracy.

Featuring Simone from the latter days of the Ivy Benson Orchestra plus Chris Smith (Jnr) composer and arranger for Glenn Miller's Brother, Herb and the BBC Radio Big Band. This show will soon sell-out - book early to avoid disappointment!

Tickets are £8 (seated at tables with bar available) are available from the box office on 01308 868368.

Vocalist and saxophonist Simone
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This week's new cinema

TAKEN 3 12A

EX-GOVERNMENT operative Bryan Mills is accused of a ruthless murder he never committed or witnessed. As he is tracked and pursued, Mills brings out his particular set of skills to find the true killer and clear his name.

Stars Liam Neeson, Forest Whitaker and Maggie Grace.

INTO THE WOODS PG

A WITCH tasks a childless baker and his wife with procuring magical items from classic fairy tales to reverse the curse put on their family tree.

Stars Anna Kendrick, Meryl Streep, James Corden, Emily Blunt and Chris Pine.

FOXCATCHER 15

THE greatest Olympic Wrestling Champion brother team joins Team Foxcatcher led by multimillionaire sponsor John E. du Pont as they train for the 1988 games in Seoul - a union that leads to unlikely circumstances.

Stars Steve Carell, Channing Tatum and Mark Ruffalo.

Cinema Listings

Friday, Jan 9th - Thurs, Jan 15th

ALL LISTINGS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

LYME REGIS REGENT
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The Theory of Everything 12A
Fri-Sun, Tue, Thu: 16.50, 19.50
Mon: 15.30
Wed: 13.50, 16.50, 19.50
Paddington PG
Sat & Sun: 14.20
BFI Presents: Testament of Youth plus Live Q&A 12A
Mon: 18.30

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The House of Magic U Sun: 15.00
Mood Indigo 15 Thu: 19.30

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Contact cinemas or visit the websites for up-to-date listings

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The Woman in Black: Angel of Death 15
Fri, Mon-Thu: 12.00, 18.25, 20.45, Sat & Sun: 14.45, 18.25, 20.45
Exodus: Gods and Kings 12A
Daily: 13.20, 16.40, 19.50
The Theory of Everything 12A
Daily: 12.15, 15.00, 17.45, 20.30
Birdman 15
Fri, Tue, Wed: 14.45, 17.00, 19.40
Sat, Sun: 17.00, 19.40
Mon: 14.15, 17.30, Thu: 14.15, 17.00
The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies 12A
Daily: 13.10, 16.20, 19.30
Paddington PG
Fri, Mon, Wed: 13.55, 16.10
Sat: 11.40, 13.55, 16.10
Sun: 10.40, 12.55, 15.10
Tue, Thu: 16.10
Night At The Museum: Secret of the Tomb PG
Fri, Mon-Thu: 12.10, 17.40
Sat: 12.40, 17.40,
Sun: 11.20, 13.40

Annie PG
Fri, Mon-Thu: 15.00
Sat: 12.05, 15.00
Sun: 12.05, 17.25
Penguins of Madagascar U
Sat: 10.30am
Dolphin Tale 2 U
Sat & Sun: 11.00am
Frozen PG
Sat & Sun: 10.40am
The House of Magic U
Sat & Sun: 10.10am
Unbroken 15
Fri, Mon-Thu: 12.00
Foxcatcher 15
Daily: 14.35, 17.30, 20.25
plus Sat & Sun: 11.40am
Into The Woods PG
Daily: 14.25, 17.15, 20.05
plus Sat & Sun: 11.35am
Taken 3 12A
Daily: 13.30, 16.00, 18.30, 20.00, 21.00
plus Sat & Sun: 11.00am
Dumb & Dumber To 15
Fri, Mon-Thu: 12.00

A magical adventure for all the family

IN LONG ago England, amidst tranquil fields and meadows stands the tiny Hamlet of Wall. On the edge of the town, guarded around the clock, a stone wall separates the quiet town from the magical land of Faerie. Here, a young man has lost his heart and mind to the hauntingly beautiful Victoria Forester. And then, in the dead of night, a shooting star falls and breaches the wall of his love, sending him on the adventure of a lifetime.

In the luminescent glow of this star he will battle witches, sorcery, and fate, before finding his hearts true desire.

Forest Forge, the award-winning Hampshire based theatre company, have been entrusted with touring the world premiere of a stage adaptation of Neil Gaiman's classic Stardust. This wonderous family adventure was famously made into a film starring Michelle Pfeiffer and Robert De Niro in 2007. Packed full of eccentric characters, hilarious and thrilling moments, haunting music, magic and mayhem, this promises to be another special and unmissable seasonal show.

Forest Forge Theatre perform 'Stardust' on Wednesday, January 14th, at 7.30pm at Toller Porcorum Village Hall, for more details call 01300 320373. The show then comes to West Lulworth Village Hall on Friday, January 23rd at 7.30pm, for more details call 01929 400790.

Casanova in Love

SO FAMOUS (or infamous) is the name of Casanova that it has gone into our dictionaries to describe men who are, for want of a better word, 'popular' with women.

Pip Utton, a firm favourite on the Artsreach circuit, has produced spellbinding performances over recent years, including 'Churchill', 'Chaplin' and 'Charles Dickens'. However, it's Casanova's story that this acclaimed performer has wanted to explore for some time. Now in a brand new play, Pip manages to fuse theatre and the spoken word with dance, to bring an added element to the story. Pip obviously plays Casanova, and has almost all the dialogue, but is also joined on stage by a young contemporary French dancer Marguerite Chaigne who, though few words to say, portrays all six of his conquests.

Comic and moving, surprising and beautiful Casanova is a totally entertaining piece of theatre. Welcome to Casanova's memories, his dreams, his conquests and his broken hearts, his highs and his lows, his triumphs and his defeats and, of course, his seduction secrets.

'Casanova in Love comes to Broadwindsor Comrades Hal on Friday, January 23rd at 7.30pm. For more details call 01308 867644.

Comedy Network launches at the Palace

ON A COLD winter's night, there's nothing like a good belly laugh and January 2015 sees the launch of the Electric Palace's new Comedy Network.

The first event, on Friday, January 9th, features Jarlath Regan, Adam Hess and Mark Smith.

Award winning comedian and writer for Russell Howard's Good News and the hit Irish panel show, The Panel, **Jarlath Regan** has gained a reputation with the industry and audiences for his uplifting, inventive and relentlessly funny stand-up, enjoying sell-out runs at the Fringe since 2007. A finalist in both the BBC and Channel 4 New Comedy Awards, Jarlath's first published book How To Break Bad News was an instant best-seller. It gained many celebrity fans including Ardal O'Hanlon who called it "Original, funny and deliciously wrong!" Jarlath's second book Putting A Ring On It - What Not To Do When Attempting To Get Married became a cult hit in his homeland.

Adam Hess (winner of Chortle Student Comedy Award 2011) is well-known for his surreal one-liners and prolific writing talents, having written for TV regulars such as Sean Walsh and Chris Ramsey. Adam has also become widely known for his unique brand of comedy on Twitter and in the last two years has accrued tens of thousands of followers from the jokes he posts there alone. The BBC even filmed a selection of his tweets as sketches starring him as one of their 'Feed My Funny' videos.

Mark Smith (Russell Howard's Good News, MTV) has been performing stand-up regularly since 2008 and has rapidly established himself as one of the most interesting and exciting comics on the circuit. Since reaching the final of 'So You Think You're Funny' in 2009, Mark has gigged all over the UK, is a regular MC and has broken into television to present for MTV2 and to write and perform for 'Dick and Dom's Funny Business' on BBC Two. When Mark is not gigging he is the warm-up for shows such as Have I Got News For You and Room 101 (both BBC1).

There's more comedy at the Electric Palace the following week when Sara Pascoe, one of Britain's funniest women, will be on stage on Saturday, January 17th. A week later, the Electric Palace's second comedy network, featuring Gareth Richards, Phil Wang, Kieran Boyd, takes place on Friday, January 23rd.

Full details of all Electric Palace shows coming up in 2014 can be found at www.electricpalace.org.uk

ELECTRIC PALACE

35 South Street, Bridport, Dorset DT6 3NY

Friday 9 January
COMEDY NETWORK
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Saturday 17 January
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SARA PASCOE vs HISTORY
Jess Fostekew supporting
7pm Doors/8pm Start
£12 + bf advance / £14 on door

Thursday 22 January
National Theatre Live:
TREASURE ISLAND
Doors 6pm Start 7pm
£10 + bf / £12 + bf on door

Friday 23 January
COMEDY NETWORK
featuring Gareth Richards, Phil Wang and Kieran Boyd
7:15pm Doors, 8:15pm Start
£10 + bf advance / £12 on door

Coming soon: Bridport Pantomime Players present Cinderella, Broadchurch composer Olafur Arnalds, Pam Ayres and Fairport Convention.

Tickets from Bridport Tourist Information Centre 01308 424901 or online from See Tickets

ELECTRICPALACE.ORG.UK

View 2 Diary Dates

THURSDAY JANUARY 8TH

DORCHESTER: Plant Heritage Dorset Group AGM at 7pm, followed by a light-hearted but not so easy horticultural quiz – 'Plants, Places and People' presented by Martin Young, in the Conference Room, Kingston Maurward College near Dorchester. Visitors welcome (£2.50; students £1.00 at door). Details from Rob on 01929 481535 and the NCCPG website.

FRIDAY JANUARY 9TH

LYME REGIS: Lyme Regis U3A - Coffee/tea at 10am at the Woodmead Hall, followed at 11am by a talk by Bruce Upton of Bridport Museum. A light-hearted look at how advertising has developed, using the "Bridport News" of a 100 years go, 20th century iconic adverts and politically incorrect specimens from the 1950s onwards. U3A Members free, visitors £2.

MONDAY JANUARY 12TH

BEAMINSTER: Beaminster Moviola presents 'Pride'. At Beaminster Public Hall. Doors opne 7pm, film from 7.30pm. Tickets available from Yarn Barton £5 in advance or £5.50 on the door. For more details call 01308 861378.

BURTON BRADSTOCK: Biodanza at Othona. Express, Connect, Relax! Dance like no one's watching, no steps to learn, no partner needed, uplifting world music and holistic health benefits. For all ages from 19 to 90. £7 each (concs available - just ask). 7.15pm for 7.30pm at Othona Community, Coast Road, DT6 4RN. For more details call 01308 897 130 or visit biodanza-bridport.co.uk

DORCHESTER: The West Dorset Health Service Retirement Fellowship meeting in the Lecture Theatre, Dorset County Hospital, Dorchester will start at 2 30 pm when Marion Biles will give a talk on her year as Mayoress. New members welcome. Membership fee of £3.50 is now due.

EYPE: Aquafit classes at Highlands End, Eype. 10.30am. Get fit and have fun in the water. Just come along or phone Penny Yarnold on 0797 087 9047 for more details.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 14TH

DORCHESTER: Elvis Day at Age UK Dorchester. Exhibition of memorabilia on show including records, movie posters, books and a slideshow of photos from Tupelo, Memphis and Nashville. Lots of music and a few surprises. Exhibition from 10am-11.30am. Coffee and cookies will be included in the entrance fee of £1.50. In the afternoon at the Evergreen Cinema there will be a special showing of 'Blue Hawaii'. The cinema lights will dim at 1.45pm, tea and biscuits will be served during the screen, for just £1.50, and ice creams also available. For more details call 01305 269444.

THURSDAY JANUARY 15TH

EYPE: Aquafit classes at Highlands End, Eype. 10.30am. Get fit and have fun in the water. Just come along or phone Penny Yarnold on 0797 087 9047 for more details.

DORCHESTER: A talk will be given for the South Dorset R.S.P.B. Group at St George's Church Hall, Fordington, Dorchester at 7.45pm. The talk will be given by Martin Cade, Portland Bird Observatory Manager. Martin talks about the work of the Bird Observatory on the unique strange and compelling island of Portland. Admission £3 members, Visitors £3.50 to include coffee and biscuits.

FRIDAY JANUARY 16TH

BROADMAYNE: Market 2-3.30pm, at St Martin's Community Hall (Next to the Church). Cakes, Preserves, Raffle, Craft, Plants, , Bric-a-brac, books, Jigsaws, Cards, Local Pork, Sausages and Eggs, Local Watercress, Plants from a local Nursery and a chance to sit and chat with a cup of tea or coffee. All proceeds to St Martin's Community Hall. For further information please contact Eleanor Piper 01305 853765.

LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club meeting. Nigel Clarke, Luftwaffe Aerial Photography of the 2nd World War, at Woodmead Halls from 7.30pm.

CHARMOUTH: Bingo at St Andrew's Hall, Lower Sea Lane. Doors 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm. Raffle, draw board and licensed bar.

SATURDAY JANUARY 17TH

UPLYME: Jumble Sale at Uplyme Village Hall, 2pm. In aid of Royal British Legion Women's Section. For more details call 01297 442435.

MONDAY JANUARY 19TH

EYPE: Aquafit classes at Highlands End, Eype. 10.30am. Get fit and have fun in the water. Just come along or phone Penny Yarnold on 0797 087 9047 for more details.

TUESDAY JANUARY 20TH

LYME REGIS: Lyme Regis Art Society. Meeting 2pm-4pm at Woodmead Halls, Lyme Regis. A novel way to use your credit cards! Graham Watson is going to show us all a way of using them in creating a painting. All are welcome. Non-members admittance is £5. Contact Sheila on 01297 445464 for further information.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 21ST

EYPE: West Dorset Decorative and Fine Arts Society meeting. 'The Art and Meaning of Maps' lecturer: Prof. Jeremy Black. At Highlands End Leisure Centre, 2.30pm. For more details call 01297 443615.

THURSDAY JANUARY 22ND

BEAMINSTER: Dr Lucy Goodison will give an illustrated talk, entitled 'Sexuality and the goddess' to the One World Forum in the Strode Room, (next to St Mary's Church) at 7.30pm. Visitor's entry remains at £4 which includes tea/coffee/biscuit.

EYPE: Aquafit classes at Highlands End, Eype. 10.30am. Get fit and have fun in the water. Just come along or phone Penny Yarnold on 0797 087 9047 for more details.

BRIDPORT: Talk: 'T.S. Eliot Life and Work' by Graham Fawcett at Sladers Yard, 6.30pm. Tickets £10 or £15 with support. Call 01308 459511 for more details or to book.

SATURDAY JANUARY 24TH

WEYMOUTH: Friends of Weymouth Library present 'Smuggling Tales from Dorset & Hampshire' a talk by ex-Yettie Bonny Sartin. At the library, from 10.30am. £1.50 members, £2.50 non-members. Includes refreshments.

BRIDPORT: Bring and Buy Coffee Morning, Tombola, Raffles etc at St Mary's Church House, South Street, 10.30am-12.30pm. All proceeds from this coffee morning will got to the Natonal Osteoporosis Society. A chance to sit and chat with a cup of tea or coffee.

SUNDAY JANUARY 25TH

WHITCHURCH CANICORUM: 15th Annual Farmhouse Breakfast at Whitchurch Canonicorum Village Hall from 9am - 2pm. In aid of hall funds with donation to Joseph Weld hospice. Further details available from Sue 01297 489375

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LYME REGIS: Lyme Regis Art Society. Workshop 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Lyme Regis Football Club, Charmouth Road, Lyme Regis. A follow up to Jake Winkle's demonstration on painting wildlife in watercolour. Free on site parking. All are welcome. Please contact Sue Wells on 01297 444289 to register and for more information including suggested list of materials.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 28TH

UPLYME: Uplyme & Lyme Regis Horticultural Society meeting. Alice Holden runs a small team growing organic food on a two acre site in Dagenham, east of London, and will be telling us how it was set up on a derelict industrial site and now runs successfully. The talk title is "Grown in Dagenham". 7.30pm at Uplyme Village Hall.

FRIDAY JANUARY 30TH

LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club meeting at Woodmead Halls. Seascape, Open PDI, and Print competitions. 7.30pm-10pm. For more details call 01297 444733

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 1ST

DORCHESTER: Weldmar Hospicecare Trust Snowdrop Memorial Services of Remembrance at The Borough Gardens at 3pm.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 5TH

BRIDPORT: Weldmar Hospicecare Trust Snowdrop Memorial Services of Remembrance at Bridport United Church at 11.30am.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 7TH

BRIDPORT: Bridport Ceilidhs featuring "Jigs for Gigs" with caller Simon Maplesden, at Church House (St Mary's) Hall, South Street. Bring and Share finger food supper, with soft drinks provided; bring your own beer/wine. Doors open 7.15 for 7.30-11pm dance. Tickets £8.50 on the door but numbers will be limited for comfortable dancing so better in advance for £7.50 from Bridport Music Shop and Jaxsons Delicatessen; or call to reserve with organiser Monty (on 01308 423442). See www.bridportceilidhs.wordpress.com

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HOW are you feeling after days of enjoying good food, partying or watching television? Would you like some exercise, trying something different that stretches muscles and mind? Why not try historical dance?

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Tutor Ann Hinchliffe trains with Dolmetsch Historical Dance Society and the Early Dance Circle, whose experts appeared before Christmas on BBC Four with Len Goodman and Dr Lucy Worsley. "I've danced ceilidh and morris for years," she says. "I wondered where the dances came from, so I began studying with Dolmetsch. Now I'm the historical dancing master at Barrington Court, a National Trust property where we dance in the Tudor Great Hall. I'm looking forward to running the class in Dorchester where there's such a treasury of history and music. "

Dances will cover several centuries during each session, from Renaissance galliards to Jacobean country dances and Regency cotillions. "The dances are musical aerobics, as in the days before central heating," explains Ann. "We warm up with gentle steps, then tackle one complex dance each session. Since 2015 is the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo, this year's focus will be on Regency dances." Is that what we saw in the Jane Austen films? "Yes, but faster. Dances in films have to be slowed down for actors to speak their lines while they move. People are often surprised by how energetic the originals are."

Dorset has other historical dancers: Libby Goodchild's Tuesday evening class at Dorchester Ballet School, Yeo Historical Dancers who practise at Sherborne, and until recently Ring of Eight. The new group, however, is not a performance team. So: no costume needed, but comfortable loose clothes and flexible footwear. You don't have to bring a partner, you don't need previous experience, you don't have to commit yourself to more than one session. Just turn up at Dorchester Town Hall and prepare to be challenged.

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Dancers in the Great Hall, Barrington Court, near Ilminster

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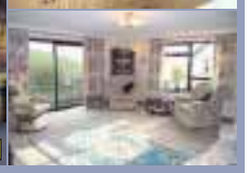

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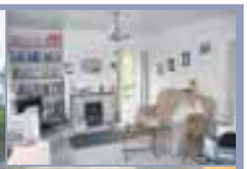

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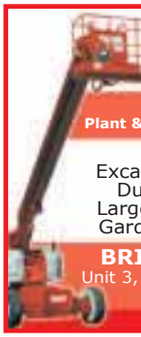

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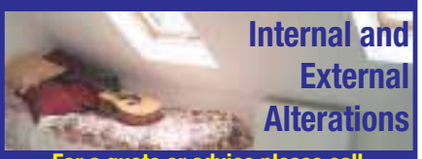

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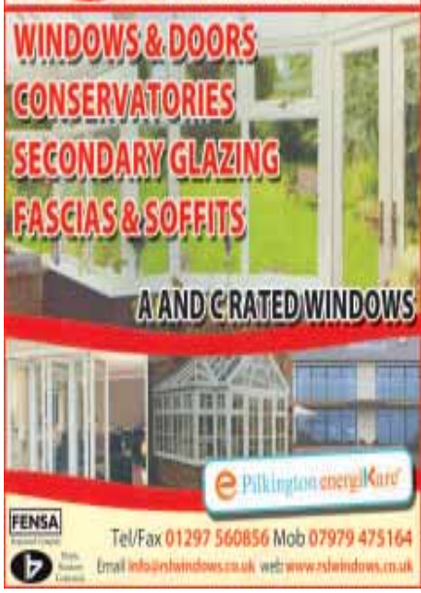

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The Power To Captivate

Ahead of the 2015 North American International Auto Show (NAIAS) in Detroit, Infiniti raises the curtain on its vision of a premium sports coupe.

The striking Q60 Concept is poised to entice coupe fans with its sharp contours and hand-crafted interior, while at the same time suggesting performance and power to match. Result: a no-compromise fusion of looks and speed.

The Q60 Concept sits low and wide in a road-hugging stance hinting at exceptional dynamics and driving pleasure.

While the Q60 Concept is fresh and original, it evokes a sense of déjà vu at times with whiffs and traces of the Q80 Inspiration (shown this past October at the Paris Motor Show) evident in its finest details.

The audaciously low roofline and quilted leather seats remind one of the elegant full-size Q80 Inspiration, while the aerodynamic gills behind the front wheel arches are inherited from the Q50 Eau Rouge sports saloon concept.

"The Q80 Inspiration was an indication of Infiniti's future design language," said Alfonso Albaisa, Infiniti Executive Design Director. "The Q60 Concept is the next step in the journey.

"The sweeping lines of the Q80 Inspiration gave the Q60 Concept its coupe silhouette and looks while the Formula One-inspired touches from the Q50 Eau Rouge endowed the coupe with its sports personality."

The visual excitement in the edgy lines of the concept is set off by the custom 21-inch wheels which take up the entire wheel arch. Inspired by jet turbine blades, the black spokes in a combination of mattes and chromes stretch to the edge of the wheel, further emphasising how "planted" the coupe is.

The high-quality ambience inside speaks of Infiniti's meticulous attention to detail, clearly evident from the impeccable hand-stitched leather to the precise treatment of the carbon fibre accents.

Infiniti designers use a variety of leathers on the seats to provide just the perfect balance of comfort and support as befits a premium sports coupe. They also make the Q60 Concept a genuine "2+2" coupe by giving rear passengers more legroom through the use of genuine sport seats.

As a foreshadowing of the next generation of Infiniti's premium sports coupe, the Q60 Concept makes use of taut lines and sports car cues to convey exceptional stance and presence.

See the Q60 Concept in the metal when Infiniti holds its 2015 NAIAS press conference at 8:10am on Tuesday, January 13th.

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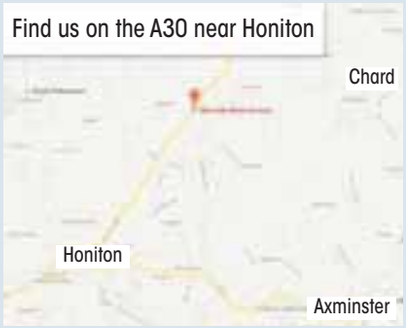

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2015 Mazda Cx-5 - Upgraded Standard Equipment

▲ 2015 Mazda CX-5, EU Spec

THE 2015 Mazda CX-5 upgraded model goes on sale in the UK in spring this year. Priced from £22,295 to £30,595 on-the-road (OTR), the 16-strong model range features significant interior trim and standard equipment specification upgrades, as well as exterior enhancements.

The 2015 Mazda CX-5 model range is available in three grades; SE-L, SE-L Lux and Sport Nav. The range comprises three 2.0 litre petrol two-wheel drive variants equipped with six-speed manual transmissions, and thirteen 2.2 litre diesel versions - six of which are available with all-wheel drive - fitted with a choice of six speed manual or automatic transmissions.

'No other vehicle in the Mazda range demonstrates the value of SKYACTIV technology more clearly than the Mazda CX-5' commented Mazda UK Sales Director, Peter Allibon. 'It has allowed the company to build a Compact SUV that delivers outstanding fuel economy and low CO2 emissions without compromising either performance or driving dynamics. And now, for 2015, significant enhancements and standard equipment upgrades make the Mazda CX-5 more price-competitive than ever before.'

The standard equipment specification of every model in the CX-5 line-up has been enhanced through the addition of manual front passenger seat height adjustment, an electronic parking brake, a coming/leaving home headlamp function, and the company's Multimedia Commander with separate volume dial for safe, intuitive interactivity and infotainment control.

A new 7-inch, full-colour, centre console touch-screen incorporates DAB radio, two ports for USB connectivity and MZD Connect. Paired with a smartphone, MZD Connect makes it easier to take advantage of functions such as internet connectivity and access to social networking services.

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Mazda2 Black Edition And White Edition Celebrate The New Year In Style

SEEING in the New Year in style, two new special edition 5-door Mazda2 models, the Black Edition and White Edition, is on sale from January 1st 2015 priced at £12,145 on-the-road.

Since its launch in 2007, the current Mazda2 has won over the Supermini segment with its styling flair, engaging driving dynamics and generous equipment specification levels. Embodying the model's energy and spirit, the Black Edition and White Edition bring more than a dash of extra urban chic to the Mazda2 line-up with sporting styling cues and a host of unique specification features.

"The Mazda2 Black Edition and White Edition represent a last chance for our customers to get their hands on a unique version of the current 5-door Mazda2," said Mazda UK Sales Director, Peter Allibon. "As with every Mazda special edition model, they combine bespoke exterior and interior styling with a lavish standard equipment specification, offering customers stand-out individuality and outstanding value for money."

A choice of bold, Jet Black Mica or Crystal White Pearlescent exterior colours is complemented by bespoke, diffuser-style rear bumper trim, a Jet Black rear spoiler and power-operated, heated folding door mirrors, rear privacy glass, 15-inch Dark Grey alloy wheels, unique Black Edition and White Edition badging, and the no-cost option of striking, colour-coded bonnet and roof stripe graphics.

On board, that sporting flair is reinforced by body-coloured accents to the door trim and air vents, black cloth upholstery with red piping, glossy Dark Grey audio panel and steering wheel inserts.

A lavish, special edition equipment specification includes manual air-conditioning, a CD player with two speakers, USB and AUX connectivity and a no-cost option steering wheel-integrated Bluetooth® hands-free system.

The new Black Edition and White Edition are powered by Mazda's lively 1.3-litre 75ps petrol engine mated to a slick 5-speed manual transmission. And both urban and open-road safety standards are enhanced by the addition of Dynamic Stability Control (DSC) and a Traction Control System (TCS).

The appeal of the current Mazda2 model range has been further enhanced through an improved finance offer. All models are now available with Zero deposit, 0% APR* Representative on Mazda Personal Contract Purchase (PCP) and a Deposit Contribution which has been increased from £500 to £750, over a maximum term of 42 months.

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Football round-up

WITH STUART BROOM

New Year joy for Magpies at Tatnam

Poole Town 0
Dorchester Town 0
Calor Premier – att; 732

DORCHESTER Town produced a battling display on New Year's Day that saw them end a run of five straight defeats in December that has seen the Magpies left hovering around the relegation area.

In a game of few chances for either side, the county town's defence stood firm and apart from one first half save down at his near post from former Magpie Steve Devlin's volley, keeper Shane Murphy was not really tested.

At the other end the returning Dan Smith went close early on, whilst Nathan Walker saw his first half header from Andy Robinson's cross smack against the crossbar, before having the best chance in the game ten minutes from time to claim all the points.

However he blazed high and wide from 15 yards after a good Magpies move down the left.

Dorchester had to survive the last few minutes with ten men after Matt Oldring was dismissed for two yellow cards, but survived they did with a solid display that pleased manager Graham Kemp.

"We played very well as a team. The first quarter of an hour it was backs to the wall, but we grew into the game and fully deserved a point.

"There weren't a lot of chances either side, and although they created three or four in the first half, I don't think Shane (Murphy) had a save to make in the second half."

Expanding on this point he said: "with four experienced defenders there you would expect that, and Smeets coming back has been a big bonus.

"Glees (Jamie Gleeson) had a good game in a midfield unit that played well, and to gain a point was very satisfactory, and in light of that it was unfortunate Saturday's game was called off."

Saturday's game at home to Arlesey was to have been Andy Robinson's last game after the former Southampton player, who joined Dorchester on non-contract terms in October, agreed to join Gosport Borough, managed by his former Saints academy boss Jason Dodds.

However on Monday, League One Crawley Town invited him to train with them, and so his move to the Conference South side has been put on hold.

Depending on whether the Red Devils make Robinson an offer, he could be available to play for the Magpies at Chesham United on Saturday as he would be cup tied for Gosport's FA Trophy game at home to Braintree.

◆ Former Magpies midfielder Lewis Morgan has returned to the club after a spell with Tiverton Town and looks set to fill the gap left by Robinson's departure.

With Hereford United's expulsion from the Southern League confirmed, it means Dorchester Town's 3-0 home victory over the Bulls in August will be expunged from the records and with it the three points, and means they drop into the relegation zone as a result.

Yetton pen claims a share of the points

WEYMOUTH 1 TRURO CITY 1
Calor Premier – att; 980

WEYMOUTH survived the first-half dismissal of playmaker Chris Shephard to share the points with fellow promotion hopefuls Truro City at the Bob Lucas Stadium on New Year's Day, although it took another Stewart Yetton penalty to bank the point.

After an uninspiring first half hour the game picked up when the Tinmen scored with almost the first shot of any note on either side.

Weymouth failed to clear a corner on 37 minutes before central defender Rob Farkins fired home from 14 yards with a low shot that took a slight deflection off Chris McPhee on its way into the net.

The Terras troubles were multiplied soon after when Shephard was red-carded.

Adam Kelly was penalised for a foul on Shane White and players from both sides remonstrated with the referee over the decision, Truro appearing to suggest Kelly's tackle deserved at least a card, with Weymouth also suggesting that White had perhaps been the perpetrator.

As Farkins appealed to referee Richard Corp, Shephard ducked under his outstretched arms before appearing to swing his arm and punch him in the side, knocking him over for which he was sent off.

The second half saw both sides finally worry the keepers but without too much drama.

The equaliser came on 66 minutes when a Danny Greenslade made a hash of clearing a long kick from Jason Matthews.

Yetton chased the ball as it ran away from goal and Greenaway in his quest to redeem his error, clumsily pushed the Weymouth captain who went to ground.

Although keeper Charlie Burns guessed the right way, Yetton's spot kick was perfect.

Truro sub and ex-Terras loanee Isaac Vassell should have regained the visitors lead almost immediately but failed to reach White's cross before the game petered out in the closing minutes.

SENIOR LEAGUE

Chickerell United moved in top spot on goal difference pushed their visitors The Balti House down into second following thanks to a deciding goal from Peter Jarvis in a 1-0 win.

The only other game to beat the weather saw Corfe Mullen United win 5-2 at Piddletrenthide Spartans with goals from Jack Mcghan (2), Michael Corbett (2) and Billy Perscott.

On target for the hosts were Marcus Simpson and Adam Lloyd.

DIVISION ONE

THE only game played saw Lytchett Red Triangle win 4-0 at Poole Borough Reserves to stay in the top four.

DIVISION TWO

GILLINGHAM Town A extended their lead at the top to four points following their 3-1 win over Chickerell United Reserves with goals from James Weeks (2) Reece Foster.

A double from Aaron Dodd saw Broadstone move up into mid-table after a 2-1 win against Milborne Port.

Parley Sports Reserves won 4-1 at AFC Blandford 4-1 with the consolation goal coming from Ellis Greenslade

DIVISION FOUR

FLEETLINE remain top after their 2-0 win at Portland Town A.

The other game played saw Portland United Youth take maximum points courtesy of a 2-1 at Corfe Mullen United Reserves. James Dillon netted for the hosts.

DIVISION FIVE

MARNHULL surged nine points clear in top spot with a 4-1 win at United Club Of Poundbury.

Dorchester Rugby

Gladiators in second spot after a shaky start

Weymouth 3rd XV 5
Dorchester 3rd XV 36

THE new year started with a rather soggy gathering at Monmouth Road for a match which Dorchester had forgotten had been rearranged from the following week.

Nevertheless, an excellent turnout saw a varied team take to the pitch.

Weymouth had been expected to produce a similarly large and varied squad, but as it turned out their bench was rather smaller than their visitors', and most of their players were forwards.

Dorchester's game plan was therefore to spin the ball wide at every opportunity to unleash their young speedy backs. Unfortunately once the match started the plan went out of the window.

Weymouth scored within a minute, a speculative kick over the top catching the Dorchester defence napping, with Dave Allen, making his first appearance on a pitch not wearing referee's colours in several years, winning the foot race to dot down.

Dorchester retaliated, and Man-of-the-Match Steve King quickly found a puddle in the Weymouth in-goal area to dive into for a try.

The game then settled down, with both sides trying to batter through the middle. Occasionally Dorchester would remember the plan, and send the ball out to the backs, whose hands were so cold from lack of exercise that they then dropped it.

Eventually a sequence of passes built up allowing King over for his second.

At half time assistant deputy captain Paul Broadbent identified in no uncertain terms where the problems were and reminded everyone of the game plan.

At the restart The Gladiators duly started to play with more purpose, finding gaps in the Weymouth defence and generally retaining the bulk of possession.

The scrum won several strikes against the head and the large bench came into play while Weymouth were starting to tire.

Eventually Steve Hayward went over, followed by King for his hat-trick, the evergreen 51 year-old Allan Bickley scoring his third try in 10 years for the club.

The last play of the match saw Connor Skelland pick off a lucky bounce from a kick ahead to stroll under the posts unopposed.

Alex Skidmore at full back added three successful conversions.

Dorset & Wilts 4	Pd	+/-	Pts
Lytchett II	9	98	27
DORCH III	8	85	24
Wincanton	9	-18	16
Swanage & W IV	8	-238	16
Ell & R'wood III	8	192	8
WEY & PORT III	8	-119	4

Weymouth Table Tennis League

Opportunity for all abilities at League open day

THE Weymouth & District Table Tennis League are hosting an OPEN DAY at All Saints School this Saturday (January 10th) where England player Matt Ware will be there to help and advise.

As well as taking on new coaching roles in Dorset, Ware is still playing at the top level in the British Grand Prix circuit with some success, and this season currently lies second in the individual event, and top of the doubles standings at the turn of the year.

Ware has been working with the Weymouth youth set up since September and the results for Weymouth and the schools teams appear to be proving that the extra training is paying off.

The recent successes for Budmouth who won the Dorset schools team events at boys under 13s and 19s and girls under 16s, shows a real strength in depth across the Weymouth youth set up.

The Weymouth League are now keen to introduce the sport to as many adults as possible and the open event is the first in a series of initiatives to make use of some of the excellent facilities now available in the town.

League Development officer, Andy Millar said: "The youth side is going from strength to strength and we are now working towards a breakthrough at national level.

"There are also a growing number of adults telling us they want to play table tennis, not necessarily in the league but for fun, but are not sure where to start.

"We are looking to provide opportunities for complete beginners or those returning to the game.

"There are lots of clubs around the Weymouth area that we can put players in touch with catering for all abilities."

The open event is open to players of all ages from primary school children through to adults.

The hall will be open for anyone to play with friends and family or get advice on getting started from one of several coaches available. There will also be the opportunity to take on the league 'robot'.

There will be an introduction for primary school players from 10am, and older youth players and adults from 11am. From 12pm there will be a youth match play tournament for new and existing players.

Players can arrive anytime from 10am running until 2pm and the cost is just £1. For more details, please contact Andy Millar on 07710 507075 or e-mail a.millar212@gmail.com.

◆ TRAINING PLAYING OFF: Matt Ware with the Weymouth youth squad.

U6 football in Bridport

BRIDPORT Football Club are launching a new under 6s team.

Training sessions will be held at Colfox School on Wednesday evenings between 6pm and 7pm - beginning tonight (Wednesday, January 7th).

Please contact Martin Phillips (manager) on 07969 882496 for more details.

Bridport Skittles

CUP Fixtures for week beginning Monday, January 12th.

Mens Individuals
(2nd Round)
Monday, January 12th
West Dorset Club – H Rathbone; M Powell; R Pincombe; C Willcox; N Pye; R Paulley; D Cooper; S Welsford; M Horton; B Robinson; D Cowburn; A Paulley; A Gay; G Brooks; P Scott; B Chapple.

Ladies Individuals
(1st Round – no byes)
Tuesday, January 13th
Bradpole Club – M Hansford; C Lambert; K Tuck; C Bailey; S Newman; E Hooper; C Huxter; G Legg; J Doble; J Cake; M Paulley; A Wiscombe; S Luter; B Crandon; H Doble; J Brooks; J Symes; V Cozens.

Division A	Pld	Pts
Rejects	9	14
Shipfaced	9	14
Wanderers	8	14
Masters	10	12
Rockets	10	12
Denhay	10	11
Outsiders	9	10
Rough Eight	10	8
Lively Lads	10	6
Slingers	10	6
The Dingles	9	4
Broadoak	10	3

Division B	Pld	Pts
U Know the Blokes	10	17
Dingbats	10	16
Originals	8	14
Nelson Nobblers	7	12
NBC	10	10
LHS	9	8
Bangers	8	7
7" Clock	10	6
Crazy Gang	10	6
Miss The Ball	10	6
Gerryatrics	8	4
Mean Machine	10	4

Division C	Pld	Pts
Countrymen	10	18
Castouts	10	16
Bulldogs	10	14
Whiskey Chasers	9	13
Pioneers	10	12
Aussies Lot	10	8
Pinseekers	10	8
Strawpeedoes	10	8
Alcoholics	9	6
Survivors	10	6
Unknowns	10	6
AFAR	10	3

Division D	Pld	Pts
Yo Yo's	10	16
Groundhogs	8	14
Alleycats	10	12
Brandy Snaps	9	10
Hidden Talent	8	10
Offcuts	9	9
Featherbeds	9	8
Let 'em Roll	8	8
Stinger	9	8
Bad Girls	10	7
Pinbashers	10	4
Tiger Lilies	10	4

Highest individual League score: A.Coombes (Outsiders) and F.Parsons (Originals) both 92.

West Bay Sea Angling

Cullingford finally breaks his duck

AFTER years of trying Adam Cullingford finally won the West Bay Sea Angling Club's **Christmas Fayre** held at Burton Bradstock and West Bay.

Most anglers fished at Burton, and with a good sea running with plenty of colour, they caught cod, dogfish whiting, pout and rockling. Cullingford's haul of just over 5kg of fish saw him win by some margin from Simon Bowditch and Paul House.

Competitors weighed-in back at the Salthouse where they enjoyed a hot meal and after the prize giving, a draw was made for the Christmas presents that competitors brought to the match.

Result; 1st: Adam Cullingford 5070g, 2nd: Simon Bowditch 3360g, 3rd: Paul House 3150g, Heaviest fish: Paul House - cod 1320g, Most species: Craig Horton - five bearded/shore rockling and pout.

Andy Neal Rover - Dec 13th

A WEEK earlier, all but two anglers chose to fish at Burton on a calm and cold evening with plenty of fish coming to the scales.

Lea Windsor was one of those anglers who decided to fish at Bexington, which was a good move as he found plenty of fish including five plump codling.

1st: Lea Windsor 8125g, 2nd: Ollie Mears 7129g, 3rd: Steve Fowles 7045g, Most species: PJ wheeler (8) - flounder, codling, dogfish, pout, whiting, poor cod and five-bearded/shore rockling, Heaviest fish: (above bags removed) Paul House - dogfish 875g.

This completed the club's fixture list for the year; the first match of 2015 took place on January 1stat Abbotsbury.

The club's new membership year also starts on January 1st; to join or for more information please contact the Angling Centre, West Bay.

◆ **AT LAST:** Adam Cullingford (left) is presented with his prize by shore secretary Steve Fowles

Wessex Point-to-Point

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Sunday, February 1st. First race: noon
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COMBINED SERVICES
Sunday, February 8th. First race: 11.30am
LARKHILL, nr Amesbury, Wiltshire
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COUNTRYSIDE ALLIANCE CLUB (WESSEX)
Sunday, February 22nd. First race: noon
BADBURY RINGS, nr Wimborne, Dorset
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QUANTOCK STAGHOUNDS
Sunday, March 1st. First race: 12.30pm
COTHELSTONE, nr Taunton, Somerset
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Easter Saturday, April 4th.
First race: 2.00pm
BADBURY RINGS, nr Wimborne, Dorset
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TAUNTON VALE FOXHOUNDS & HARRIERS* - Easter Monday, April 6th.
First race: 1.30pm
KINGSTON ST MARY, nr Taunton, Somerset
Secretary: Mrs V Kemp. Telephone: 01404 881353

SEAVINGTON - Sunday, April 19th.
First race: 2.00pm
LITTLEWINDSOR, nr Beaminster, Dorset
Secretary: Mr G Rendell. Telephone: 01308 868332

SOUTH & WEST WILTS
Sunday, April 26th
First (Charity Flat) race: 1.15pm
First (Point-to-Point) race: 2.00pm
LARKHILL, nr Amesbury, Wiltshire
Secretary: Mrs E Marriott. Telephone: 01747 840062

DEVON & SOMERSET STAGHOUNDS
Sunday, May 3rd. First race: 2pm
HOLNICOTE, nr Minehead, Somerset
Secretary: Mrs J Rawle. Telephone: 01398 332157

CATTISTOCK*
Bank Holiday Monday, May 4th.
First race: 2pm
LITTLEWINDSOR, nr Beaminster, Dorset
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MINEHEAD HARRIERS & WEST SOMERSET - Saturday, May 9th.
First race: 2pm
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Wednesday, May 13th.
First race: 4.30pm
COTHELSTONE, nr Taunton, Somerset
Secretary: Mr J Fear. Telephone: 01278 783261

WEST SOMERSET VALE*
Sunday, May 24th.
First race: 1.30pm
COTHELSTONE, nr Taunton, Somerset
Secretary: Miss K Cooke. Telephone: 01934 853330

Meeting includes pony racing

Bob Buckler racing

Ugolin de Beaumont shows his potential

BOB Buckler had a busy time over Christmas and the New Year with mixed results with the novice UGOLIN DE BEAUMONT showing good form in only his second race when finishing second to Ghost River in the bumper at Chepstow.

His run is given more credence by the fact that winning trainer Peter Bowen and Rebecca Curtis and Jeremy Scott whose horses finished behind Buckler, rate their charges the best novice horse they have had.

There was also more success for BALLYEGAN, who continued his recent return to form having won twice, finishing second in the novices' handicap hurdle over 2m7f at Exeter on New Year's Day behind the well handicapped Nordic Nymph.

However there was little success for three others at the same meeting. DIGGER'S MATE was once again disappointing, finishing last but one in his hurdle race after being pulled up two days earlier at Taunton, whilst the previously impressive THE HAPPY WARRIOR drew another blank when pulled up in the handicap chase over 3m when reasonably placed when horse and jockey got too close to the wings halfway round.

SOMERSET LIAS hated the heavy ground and was further hampered when boxed in on the chewed up ground on the final bend after leading briefly and finished seventh in the 2m3f handicap hurdle. He will need further and better ground in future.

Buckler however was encouraged by his last runner at Exeter; SAY MY NAME running in his third bumper coming through to finish fifth.

Buckler said: "It was a lovely run considering he is a four-year old running against older five and six year olds.

"He also struggled in the heavy ground, and after dropping back to almost last approaching the final straight on the chewed up ground, came through with a strong run on the better surface to finish fifth."

TINKER TIME after his recent successes, also found the ground far too heavy for him last Saturday in the Class 2 32Red Casino Handicap Chase over 3m at Sandown and finished seventh.

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